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FOR THE  
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# THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,

APRIL 19TH, 1875.

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The Committee, appointed with full power to carry forward the proposed Centennial Celebration of the nineteenth of April, according to their best judgment, having attended to that duty, submit the following

## REPORT.

Though the proceedings of the nineteenth of April last have been published, and the events of that day are well remembered by most of our citizens, yet they have not been reported to the Town so as to become a part of our municipal record—which we think desirable, so that those who examine our Town-Book *hereafter* may see that the first Centennial of the revolutionary drama was duly observed. The Committee were impressed from the first with the sentiment that the importance of the event to be commemorated, and the fact that we were to lead off in a series of patriotic centennials, required us to make our ceremonies worthy of the day which made our town historic and our country free. We knew, moreover, that our constituents were desirous of having a celebration founded on broad and liberal principles, which might be followed by all the succeeding centennials; and hence we have been careful not to attempt to interpolate any new chapter into the history of that day, or to seek a higher position for the town of Lexington, but to accept the place which has been assigned her in history—that of being the spot where the first blood was shed, the first martyrs fell, and where the British were first confronted by the patriots in arms.

And as the scene of the nineteenth of April, 1775, was laid in Concord as well as in Lexington, we were desirous that Concord should unite with us in the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the opening scene of the Revolution, as Lexington united with her in celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary. An invitation to

that effect had been extended to her, and she had declined it on the ground that she had already taken measures to erect a statue of a Minute-man at the North Bridge, where the gallant Davis fell. We of course accepted this excuse, and also their suggestion for a union celebration; the oration to be delivered at Lexington in the morning, and the dinner and table speeches at Concord in the afternoon. But this arrangement was finally rejected by the Concord Committee, on the ground that we proposed to give our school children a quiet lunch at our town hall in the afternoon, after we had sent all to Concord which could be transported by rail or otherwise. We urged upon them during the negotiation the impossibility of finding conveyance for all who would desire to pass from Lexington to Concord during the interval between the exercises in the two places; and the result more than confirmed our impressions on this point, and showed the wisdom and necessity of having separate and distinct celebrations.

The idea of a union celebration being abandoned, and knowing that the people of Lexington desired to have a celebration truly national, we extended our invitations to the President of the United States and to his Cabinet; to the Governors of the several States; to the National Judiciary; to the officers of the Army and Navy; to the Governor, Legislature and all the departments of our State Government; to our members of Congress, and to prominent distinguished men of all parties and professions in every section of the country. We also sent our invitations extensively to the literary, scientific, historical, benevolent, religious and patriotic institutions, especially in the old Thirteen States. Nor did we overlook our countrymen abroad on foreign missions; and to show the liberal spirit by which we were actuated, and that our celebration was to be conducted on principles as broad as the rights of man, we embraced in our invitations several distinguished foreigners of acknowledged republican views. But we did not permit, in our broad survey for guests, those in our own neighborhood to be neglected. The participating towns — those which flocked to the standard of their country, and joined in repelling the foe on that day — were specially invited to be with us by a delegation, and participate in the services and festivities of the day. We also extended a general invitation to the press in every section of the country, but particularly to the press of New England.

To these invitations the responses by letter and by personal appearance were as numerous as could be expected; and the general rising

of the people on this public occasion, the immense gathering of the old and the young to view the first battle-field of the Revolution, and to bow at the shrine of the first martyrs of freedom, exceeded all calculation, and showed the fact that the spirit of the fathers animated the bosoms of their sons.

The Committee made extensive preparations for entertaining their guests. J. B. Smith, a well-known caterer, was engaged to supply their temporal wants, who spread his tables for thirty-five hundred guests in the mammoth tent four hundred and ten feet long by fifty wide, with an L of the same width extending a hundred feet. This tent was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting, tastefully arranged; and the tables, laden with a full supply of whatever would tempt the appetite, presented a fine appearance. This tent was connected with the audience tent or pavilion, two hundred feet by eighty, and capable of containing seven thousand people. On one side of the tent was a raised platform for the speakers and distinguished guests, in the centre of which were suspended over the speakers several trophies of the Revolution, including guns, swords and pistols, pertaining to the Lexington battle. Above them all was an old flag, showing red and white stripes, with twelve stars, and the inscription — "Flag of the Bon Homme Richard." This flag, known as that of Paul Jones, was the first flag bearing the stars and stripes ever raised over an American vessel of war, and the first one ever saluted by a foreign foe. On the right and left of the speaker's stand stood the veiled statues of Samuel Adams and John Hancock, which, by a fortune almost miraculous, arrived in Lexington only about twenty-four hours before the time of our ceremonies, though they had been due over three months. This tent was most tastefully decorated with flags, streamers and bunting, with mottoes and inscriptions bearing the names of those who fell on the Common on the nineteenth of April, 1775. Some idea of the tent accommodation can be formed from the fact that, with the office and provision tents connected with the establishment, our canvas covered an acre of ground, and yet these extended limits could not accommodate one-fifth of those who were pressing for admission. Everything in the tents went off well; the oration and the speeches were highly satisfactory, and the ceremony of unveiling the statues was performed with great exactness and good effect. The decorations around the Common and on the streets, displayed from the houses and trees, made an imposing appearance;

and the places connected with the revolutionary incidents bore appropriate inscriptions which pointed out to the multitude the localities where certain events occurred.

The grand procession was formed at Bryant's Corner, in East Lexington, moved up Main Street to the Common; thence up Hancock Street to Revere Street; thence through Revere to Bedford Street; thence over Bedford Street to the Common. It was about a mile and a half in length, though several companies and organizations did not arrive in season to take their place in the line. The procession was grand and imposing. It was escorted by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, consisting of three hundred and fifty members. The procession was led by WM. A. TOWER, Esq., of Lexington, as Chief Marshal, and moved in three grand divisions, headed by GEN. WILLIAM COGSWELL, of Salem, COL. WILLIAM T. GRAMMER, of Woburn, and COL. B. F. PEACH, of Lynn, respectively. Each division had a full display of banners, and were regaled with the strains of music from the numerous bands attached to the various organizations. This procession was reviewed by the President while in motion, and excited the warm approbation of all who beheld it.

But the most difficult part of our report is to give an adequate description of the vast crowd which honored the occasion by its presence. At an early hour crowds of people began to press in from the neighboring towns, in barges, furniture-wagons, omnibuses, coaches, and almost every other variety of vehicle, eager to be on the ground in season to witness the grand display, which every one felt the day was sure to bring forth. The crowd continued to increase, and became so dense that our streets were blocked in every direction so that carriages could not pass; and many who started to visit both Lexington and Concord found it impossible to proceed, and, after approaching within a mile or two of our Common, gave up the attempt and turned back. Others abandoned the carriages to their drivers, and forced their way through on foot. Some gentlemen, and even ladies, from the neighboring towns, walked six or eight miles to witness the grand pageant. It is estimated by those best qualified to judge, that there were in Lexington during the day at least one hundred thousand people. We are assured by the best authority that many of the neighboring towns sent one-half of their entire population; and towns of fifteen or eighteen hundred inhabitants, though twenty

miles distant, furnished from two to five hundred people. The railroad was perfectly overwhelmed. Thousands were pressing at the station at Boston who could not obtain a passage, or even force an entrance as far as the ticket office; and the trains which went out loaded to their utmost capacity, outside and in, made no apparent diminution of the crowd. Many persons, and even invited guests from a distance, came as far as Boston, and, finding it impossible to proceed farther, returned to their homes or remained in the city.

The general programme, the order of the procession and the arrangements for the exercises of the day, were as perfect and complete as practicable, though somewhat delayed by the vast concourse of people. The fact is, our celebration proved more attractive than any one anticipated. Where we expected a hundred, a thousand came; and when we consider that the number of people who pressed into town that day was at least *forty times* the population of the place, we have reason to rejoice that all our arrangements met with so great a degree of success. The very multitude which occasioned some annoyance and regret at the time, we now from a broader survey contemplate with satisfaction, and even with pride; for we can but regard this immense gathering as a patriotic rising of the people in attestation of the old Anglo-American doctrine of human rights. We had no business interest, no public institutions, no remarkable scenery, to call such a crowd together. On the contrary, the season of the year, and particularly the uncomfortable day, with its cold temperature and chilling winds, were naturally forbidding. Yet still they came. There was a ground-swell of patriotism not to be resisted. The American people wished to behold the place and tread the soil baptized by the first blood of the Revolution, and to do homage at the graves of the gallant men who, against odds, stood firm and undaunted on our village green.

But forbidding as was the day, we had at our table a large concourse of people, though some of them encountered many difficulties in reaching the place. The President and suite, the Governor and Council, the State Legislature, and other distinguished guests went to Concord in the morning, and by agreement were to leave Concord at one o'clock, taking a train which would bring them to Lexington in half an hour at farthest. Faithful to the arrangement, our Concord friends dismissed them in season, but when they arrived at the depot, they found the cars filled to overflowing, and hundreds were already

excluded, from the necessity of the case ; so that these distinguished guests found their way to Lexington as best they could. Carriages were furnished for the President and Cabinet, and others as far as practicable ; and after a struggle of two or three hours, they forced their way through the labyrinth of carriages, and arrived at Lexington at three or four o'clock. Some even walked the whole distance of seven or eight miles, and arrived at a later hour. But as it was, we had as many as our tent would hold, and, though we were somewhat delayed, we were not disappointed in our principal exercises.

Thomas Meriam Stetson, Esq., of New Bedford, officiated as president of the day ; and Hon. Richard H. Dana, Jr., of Cambridge, as orator. Rev. Henry Westcott acted as chaplain, and Hon. Charles Hudson delivered the address on the unveiling of the statues. At the table in the afternoon, Mr. Stetson of course presided, and Rev. E. G. Porter officiated as chaplain. On the right of the president of the day were President Grant, Gen. W. W. Belknap, Secretary of War ; Hon. George M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy ; Hon. Columbus Delano, Secretary of the Interior ; Chief Justice Gray, of Massachusetts, and other distinguished gentlemen.

On his left were Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State ; Gov. Jewell, Postmaster General ; Hon. Henry Wilson, Vice President of the United States ; Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina ; Senator Wadleigh, of New Hampshire ; Commodore Nichols, of the Navy ; Gov. Gaston and other distinguished guests.

We had speeches at the table from the president of the day ; the President of the United States, by that *expressive silence* for which he is distinguished ; Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina ; Gov. Gaston ; the orator of the day ; Chief Justice Gray, Hon. Geo. B. Loring, Gen. William F. Bartlett, Gen. J. L. Chamberlain, of Bowdoin College ; Hon. N. P. Banks, Hon. Elliott C. Cowdin, of the New York Chamber of Commerce ; Hon. A. T. Goshorn, of Philadelphia ; Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Hon. Daniel W. Gooch, Luther Conant, Esq., of Acton ; Col. W. S. Clark, President of Agricultural College, and Hon. Marshall P. Wilder. We had also interesting letters from Right Hon. William E. Gladstone and Hon. John Bright, of the English Parliament, and from Hon. E. B. Washburne, our Minister to France, and Hon. J. C. Bancroft Davis, Minister at Berlin.

We also had many flattering letters from many distinguished men, among whom were Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, then abroad ; Gen.

Howard, from Oregon; Rev. Dr. Stone, of San Francisco; Rev. Dr. Bellows, of New York; Gov. Carpenter, of Iowa; Gov. Leslie, of Kentucky; Gen. White, of Illinois; Prof. Joynes, of Washington Lee College, Va.; Gen. Smith, President of the Military Institute, Va.; Gov. Bagley, of Michigan; Commodores Preble and Fairfax, U. S. Navy, and Gen. Dix.

In addition to the entertainment at the table proper, several of the large delegations came with their tents and commissariat; and booths for refreshments were set up, while private houses also were thrown open to the public.

The ceremonies of the day were closed by a grand ball in the evening, in the pavilion, which was brilliantly lighted with gas, and where there was a fine display of beauty and fashion. The President and suite honored the ball with their presence, and the President held a levee in one part of the spacious tent; so that all who desired had an opportunity of taking by the hand the chief magistrate of the nation. Before leaving Lexington, at our request he planted a young elm on the Common, with the hope that it might grow, and its branches shade the pilgrims who may visit the consecrated spot on the return of the next centennial.

Another important fact should be stated, and made a matter of record, touching the 19th of April, 1875. It is stated in all accounts of the 19th of April, 1775, that it was unusually warm for the season; the grass was waving in the meadows, and the peach trees were in bloom. Such a statement would be far from a true description of the 19th of April, 1875, for the spring was unusually backward; the snow fell several inches in depth three or four days before our celebration, and some of it which was removed so that a floor could be laid in the tents, remained unmelted, though exposed to the sun, till the 22d and 23d of the month. To give a correct idea of the 19th, it is necessary to say that it was partially cloudy; that the wind, which blew almost a gale, was cold and rough, and that the thermometer ranged through the day from twenty-two to twenty-seven degrees above zero—that is, from five to ten degrees below the freezing point.

There is one thing more that we would mention, as it was immediately connected with the exhibition of the day—a collection of revolutionary relics in the Library Hall. Such collections are valuable, and should be encouraged; but great care should be taken



to confine the collection to articles which have an historic character, and are known to be authentic.

We should do injustice to the subject did we not mention that the young men of the town got up a company of " Minute-men " dressed in the uniform of the Old Continentals. This company attracted a good share of attention, and added materially to the pageant of the day.

On the whole we regard our celebration as a perfect success. The weather and the crowd gave some discomfort to us and to our guests, and yet the day passed off quietly; and those who at the time were the most annoyed, were ready to smile and make merry with the circumstances which made all others as uncomfortable as themselves. And they now all congratulate us that we were able to meet the unexpected crisis, and to triumph over the difficulties as well as we did.

Lexington, in celebrating this anniversary, had no disposition to arrogate to herself any exclusive patriotism, or to deny to her sister towns around her a warm devotion to their country. But we could not ignore the fact, which had passed into history, that our village green had witnessed the first practical test of provincial patriotism, and that our native citizens, unaided and alone, first met the invaders of their rights, confronted their armed battalions, and gave themselves a willing sacrifice on the altar of their country. Aiming at nothing higher than what was thus accorded to us, and having no ambition to interpolate a new chapter into our country's history, we felt called upon at the close of the century to open our doors to our countrymen, and to invite them home to the birth-place of that freedom which we have all enjoyed, that we might all here, on the soil baptized in the first blood of the Revolution, pledge ourselves to one another, to our country, and to our God, to maintain that liberty for which our fathers perilled all. We announced our desire, and a cheerful response was made. From every profession and calling, from every section of the country, messages and messengers came in with a full remembrance of our historic character, and a free recognition of the patriotism of our fathers and worth of their services.

We made our invitations national, and national was the response; and in the selection of our speakers, we had reference to men of known broad and liberal views, who would speak for the whole country, and strive to allay all local animosity, rather than by so dwelling upon events comparatively recent, or incidents entirely local, as to

produce alienation of feeling between different sections of the country. And we rejoice that our desires were accomplished. And while we see at our centennial celebrations, and at other public gatherings, a disposition to "forget the things that are behind, and to press forward toward" a reconciled and harmonious union, we rejoice that we were permitted to lead off with that generous sentiment, and we fondly hope that the voice from Lexington may have had some influence, as in the days of old.

We make no report on the publication of the speeches and proceedings of the day—that duty being performed under the direction of the Selectmen. A thousand copies were published in a neat and handsome volume of nearly 200 octavo pages, illustrated by several engravings, viz.: a picture of the Town Hall; a view of the battle scene on the Common, a diagram of the village, and four engravings of the statues in the Memorial Hall. The volume has been extensively read and admired.

Our celebration imposed upon us some labor, and no small amount of expense; but we should remember that it was a centennial tax, as well as a centennial rejoicing, and that the burden we have been called to bear is light compared with the weight of grief which pressed heavily upon Lexington a century ago. And in this pecuniary burden, we have received a generous measure of relief from a source whose refreshing streams have often gladdened our hearts, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report.

It also appears by that Report, which is herewith transmitted, that the cost to the town of the Centennial Celebration was \$9,385 29, which amount deducted from the sum appropriated by the town, leaves a balance of \$1,735 71.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, at a meeting held January 29th, 1876.

CHARLES HUDSON, *Chairman.*

FRANK E. WETHERELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
OF  
LEXINGTON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE.

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The Treasurer has received and charges himself with :

Cash for Dinner tickets,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,858 00
" " Evening Entertainment tickets,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,494 00
" " Gift from Mrs. Maria Cary,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
" " " " Mrs. Maria Hastings,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
" " " " Hon. Stephen Salisbury, Worcester,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
" " " " Nathan Blanchard, Burlington,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
" " " " Otis Munroe, Boston,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
							<hr/>	2,250 00
" " Catalogues sold,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 40
" " Lumber " . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29 00
" " Rent of land, . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
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Amount received,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$8,668 40

And credits himself with payments made the Town Treasurer, as  
shown by his receipts, . . . . . 8,668 40

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The amount of the bills approved by the Finance Committee, and  
paid on account of the Celebration, is . . . . . \$18,053 69  
The amount of receipts from the Celebration is . . . . . 8,668 40  
The cost to the Town of Celebration is . . . . . \$9,385 29  
The amount of Town appropriation for Celebration, . . . . . 11,121 00  
Balance of appropriation unexpended, . . . . . 1,735 71

HAMMON REED,

*Treasurer Lexington Centennial Committee.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 29, 1876.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen, in making this, their Annual Report, are met at every turn by the echoes of the ringing words "Economy," "Retrenchment" and "Reform;" therefore, we have concluded to make a practical use of this subject, by saving to *you*, your *time*, and the price of printer's ink.

The duties to which the board have been called the past season have been of an unusual character, and therefore their discharge was attended with increased labor.

The combining of the three offices, viz.: those of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and the Surveyors of the Highways, in one board, and the contingent labors of our late Centennial Celebration, have given us an additional amount of anxiety, responsibility and labor. The past season has been the one for the necessary perambulations of the Town Lines with their boundaries with the neighboring towns, which has been done, and the reports are on record.

Several other subjects present their demands for future action; these will be brought to your notice by articles in the Town Warrants.

In the Department for the maintenance of the Poor and Insane, we have found a field for hard and persistent labor. The Lunatic Hospital at Worcester was making large quarterly demands upon our Treasury; this matter was looked into carefully, and, by the expenditure of time, labor and money, we are enabled to report that that institution is now without "Lexington patients," arrangements having been made with the friends of some for their support, and others have been turned over to the State institutions.

Here we feel *compelled* by the experience of the past to urge upon our successors in office to scrutinize and very closely examine every *new case*—and to re-examine old ones if need be—that their administration may not be chargeable with indolence and neglect in reference to the proper settlement of any individual.

On the 9th of March, 1875, the valuation of the personal property at the Town's Farm was,	\$1,900 69
February 1st, 1876, this class of property was, .	2,470 82
Increase in valuation, . . . . .	\$570 13
We have received as income from the farm, .	1,349 81
Total expenditure for the Poor during the year, .	\$3,891 37
The sum paid by the Treasurer, . . . . .	\$3,858 42
Small am'ts gathered from other bills, . . . . .	32 95 3,891 37
Expenses at the farm, &c., . . . . .	3,042 73
" of outside Poor, . . . . .	775 77
" " Tramps, . . . . .	72 87 3,891 37
By deducting the income of the farm and the in- crease of valuation, we find the cost of main- taining the whole to be, . . . . .	1,971 43
Take from this sum of \$1,971 43 the cost of out- side Poor and cost of Tramps, and there re- mains to expense of maintenance at the farm, viz.: . . . . .	1,122 79
With this amount we have furnished 552 weeks of maintenance at the farm, at a cost, per week, of, . . . . .	2 03½

The poor must be supported, and *we* think it should be done humanely.

We recommend the sum of \$1500.00 to be appropriated for the maintenance of the poor the year ensuing.

The Town appropriated the sum of \$4500 for the support of the Highways and the removal of snow; of that amount there remains \$9.48 unexpended. We have made unusual expenditures, reconstructing drains and culverts, hoping in the future to avoid the large expense of the last spring in this direction. We have built 1¼ miles of railing beside roads, using 7000 feet of lumber, with over 400 posts.

We have acted on the principle that an *improvement* when practicable is to be preferred to any mere temporary repair.

The roads on the 1st of November last were in excellent condition throughout the Town, and, notwithstanding our large outlays in some localities, we have not exceeded the appropriation. Since the 1st of December, the teams have been employed in moving gravel from the Simonds pit to a convenient point on Bedford Street, for use the ensuing spring.

We are unanimous in the opinion that our system of employing a

“Superintendent of the Highways” is a move in the right direction, and one of great advantage to the Town.

Our Valuation of the Highway property on the 1st of March, 1875, was \$630.80, and on the 1st of February, 1876, \$639.50.

We would recommend for the repairs of roads and removal of snow for the ensuing year \$4000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. C. WHITCHER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
F. ALDERMAN,		} <i>of</i>
ISAAC N. DAMON,		} <i>Lexington.</i>

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1, 1876.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Town Treasurer submits the following as his Annual Report:—

He charges himself with having received the following sums, derived from the hereinafter named sources, viz. :—

1875.		
To Cash on hand, February 1st,		\$312 45
“ “ from the Village hall,		161 50
“ “ “ Town hall and rooms,		363 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer—dog licenses		346 56
“ “ “ State Treasurer as corporation tax,		422 84
“ “ “ “ “ as bank tax,		653 16
“ “ “ “ “ as State aid returned,		453 00
“ “ “ taxes for the year 1874,		3,321 16
“ “ “ interest on taxes of 1874, overdue,		128 94
“ “ “ temporary loans,		10,000 00
“ “ “ Centennial loan,		10,000 00
“ “ “ Merchants Ins. Co.—a dividend,		25 51
“ “ “ Whiteher & Saville, for licenses April 19, pedlars,		28 00
“ “ “ Hammon Reed, for Centennial committee,		8,668 40
“ “ “ taxes for the year 1875,		38,412 21
“ “ “ interest on taxes of 1875, overdue,		55 19
“ “ “ sidewalk tax of 1872,		44 25
“ “ “ lumber sold Locke, Brigham and Merriam,		17 41
“ “ “ licenses under liquor law,		575 00
“ “ “ Hiram Wilson, an abated tax of 1873,		2 00
“ “ “ John G. Sherman, an abated tax of 1874,		3 20
“ “ “ J. L. Holbrook, balance for old engine-house lot,		239 70
“ “ “ “ “ as interest on the above,		13 90
“ “ “ the Savings Bank, as interest on Centennial money,		28 87
“ “ “ A. S. McDonald, for license for billiard hall,		10 00
“ “ “ Lee & Shepard, for Town Histories sold,		42 30
“ “ “ the State, from “Mass. School Fund,”		243 24
“ “ “ Lockwood, Brooks & Co., from Histories of Centennial sold,		66 74
“ “ “ L. A. Saville, from Histories of Centennial sold,		53 60
“ “ “ “ “ “ Town Histories sold,		84 60
“ “ “ “ “ “ hay scales,		39 36
“ “ “ Overseers of the Poor,		1,349 81
“ “ “ drainage betterment tax,		659 36
“ “ “ Surveyors of Highways,		483 15
		\$77,308 41

And the Treasurer credits himself with having paid the following amounts as shown below:—

1875.		
By amount paid from contingent grant		\$7,112 82
“ “ “ Fire Department,		629 59
“ “ “ from school grant,		11,487 00
“ “ “ “ highway grant,		4,973 67
“ “ “ for the support of the poor,		3,858 42
“ “ “ to school committee,		623 50
“ “ “ as special grants,		1,998 50
“ “ “ as State Aid,		402 00
“ “ “ under Centennial grant.		18,053 69
“ “ “ for constable and police,		1,453 10
“ “ “ for interest,		4,108 74
“ “ “ for Decoration day,		100 00
“ “ “ temporary loans,		7,500 00
“ “ “ Town debt,		2,000 00
“ “ “ for street lamps,		1,435 36
“ “ “ for addition to alms-house buildings,		409 98
“ “ “ for Cary library,		654 86
“ “ “ for ringing church bells,		70 00
“ “ “ for finishing dining room, Town hall,		871 25
“ “ “ to State Treasurer, under license law,		143 75
“ “ “ for assessors,		372 11
“ “ “ for Waltham street improvement,		511 25
“ “ “ for show cases and counters, Cary Library,		144 45
“ “ “ for improvement of Lowell street,		145 53
“ “ “ for improvement of Main street,		406 20
“ “ “ for improvement of Wood street,		128 98
“ “ “ the State tax,		3,000 00
“ “ “ the County tax,		1,924 58
“ “ “ for re-laying drain pipe by Mr. Pryor's house,		52 83
“ “ “ for new engine house and land, Centre Village,		965 00
“ “ “ for addition to Village hall,		150 00
“ “ “ for town clerk,		96 30
“ “ “ for school repairs,		867 93
“ Cash on hand, Jan. 31st, 1876,		657 02
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		\$77,308 41



# TOWN DEBT, FEBRUARY 1, 1876.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.
Aug. 29, 1866.	Middlesex Institution for Savings.....	7 per cent. semi-annually...	On demand.....	\$3,000 00
July 31, 1868.	Trustees of Lexington Ministerial Fund.....	7 " annually.....	" " .....	3,000 00
Aug. 29, 1869.	Treasurer of Cary Library.....	7 " semi-annually.....	" " .....	1,000 00
Apr. 14, 1874.	George Holden.....	7 " " " .....	Apr. 14, 1882....	12,300 00
July 23, 1874.	Town of Lexington, Trus. of Gammell Legacy,	7 " " " " .....		500 00

Town Debt, independent of the Town Hall Debt and Centennial Loan.....\$19,800 00

## THE LOAN FOR THE TOWN HALL AND SITE.

June 1, 1870....	State of Massachusetts.....	{ 7 per cent. for first 5 years, and 6 per cent. thereafter, semi-annual- ly.	June 1, 1890....	\$10,000 00
July 1, 1870....	State of Massachusetts.....		July 1, 1890....	5,000 00
Aug. 1, 1870....	State of Massachusetts.....		Aug. 1, 1890....	5,000 00
Sept. 1, 1870....	State of Massachusetts.....		Sept. 1, 1890....	5,000 00
Feb. 28, 1871....	Treasurer of the Cary Library.....	{ 7 per cent. first 4 years, and 6 per cent. thereafter, semi-an- nually.	Feb. 28, 1887....	5,000 00

Total Town Hall Debt.....\$30,000 00

## CENTENNIAL LOAN.

April 1, 1875....	Richardson, Hill & Co.....	6½ per cent. semi-annually..	April 1, 1876....	\$2,000 00
April 1, 1875....	Richardson, Hill & Co.....	6½ per cent. semi-annually..	April 1, 1877....	2,000 00
April 1, 1875....	Richardson, Hill & Co.....	6½ per cent. semi-annually..	April 1, 1878....	2,000 00
April 1, 1875....	Richardson, Hill & Co.....	6½ per cent. semi-annually..	April 1, 1879....	2,000 00
April 1, 1875....	Richardson, Hill & Co.....	6½ per cent. semi-annually..	April 1, 1880....	2,000 00

Total.....\$10,000 00

The Town has due it:—

Uncollected Taxes, less the abatements to be made, . . . . .	\$5,986 32
“ Betterment Tax for drainage, . . . . .	3,815 72
Amount due from Middlesex Central Railroad, . . . . .	500 00
“ from Thomas H. Rhoades, . . . . .	178 42
“ “ Simon W. Robinson Lodge, . . . . .	36 00
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	\$10,516 46

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC N. DAMON, *Town Treasurer.*

We, the Selectmen of Lexington, on the 31st day of May, on the 31st day of August, on the 30th day of November, 1875, and on the 31st day of January, 1876, examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and the vouchers connected therewith, and found them correctly stated and accurately cast.

B. C. WHITCHER,  
FRANKLIN ALDERMAN, } *Selectmen of Lexington.*

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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The Collector of Taxes submits the following report:—

The Tax List committed for 1874 amounted to	\$40,643 57
The Supplementary List “ “ “ “ . . . . .	276 20
Sum total of Taxes committed,	<u>\$40,919 77</u>
 The Collector has paid into the Town Treasury, . . . . .	 \$39,373 91
Amount allowed for prompt payment of Taxes, . . . . .	818 13
Amount abated by the Assessors, . . . . .	717 73
Error in Tax List, . . . . .	10 00
	<u>\$40,919 77</u>

July 17, 1875.

The Selectmen this day examined the vouchers connected with the above Statement, and found them properly made, and justly set forth as shown by the Collector's and Treasurer's books.

B. C. WHITCHER, }  
F. ALDERMAN, } *Selectmen of Lexington.*

	Jan. 31st, 1876.
Tax List committed June 19th, 1875, amounted to . . . . .	\$45,522 88
The Supplementary List, . . . . .	102 56
Total Taxes committed,	<u>\$45,625 44</u>
 Taxes collected to date, . . . . .	 \$38,412 21
Amount abated by Assessors to date, . . . . .	303 52
“ allowed by discount, . . . . .	923 39
“ of uncollected Taxes now due, . . . . .	\$5,986 32
	<u>\$45,625 44</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC N. DAMON, *Collector of Taxes.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The Assessors submit the following statistics:—

### VALUATION, MAY 1st, 1875.

Resident owners of Real Estate, . . . . .	\$2,073,270 00
Non-resident owners of Real Estate, . . . . .	343,095 00
Resident owners of Personal Estate, . . . . .	539,484 00
Non-resident owners of Personal Estate, . . . . .	23 862 00

Total Valuation, . . . . .	\$2,979,711 00
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State Tax, . . . . .	\$3,000 00
County Tax, . . . . .	1,924 58
Town Grants, . . . . .	40,055 00
Overlayings, . . . . .	543 30

Total amount of tax assessed,	\$45,522 88
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Whole number of Polls, 736.

We would recommend the sum of Four Hundred Dollars for the expense of this department for the ensuing year.

Further figures in detail will be found on next page.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS, WALTER WELLINGTON, LEONARD A. SAVILLE,	}	Assessors for 1875.
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# STATISTICS.

YEAR.	POPULA- TION.	NUMBER OF POLLS.	VALUATION.	RATE OF TAX.	TOWN GRANT.	STATE TAX.	COUNTY TAX.
1800	1,006	219	\$356,052				
1810	1,052	304	310,967				
1820	1,200	306	234,369				
1830	1,543	368	247,466				
1840	1,642	489	561,549				
1850	1,893	522	1,869,453				
1860	2,329	581	1,762,145	\$8 00 on \$1,000	\$12,952 87	\$497 50	\$1,449 22
1861	2,329	615	1,762,037	8 00 "	12,075 81	605 00	1,760 47
1862	2,329	592	1,745,644	9 50 "	14,830 00	3,636 00	1,494 06
1863	2,329	624	1,832,344	10 00 "	12,915 00	4,848 00	1,494 06
1864	2,329	558	1,687,348	15 00 "	19,397 00	4,848 00	1,492 02
1865	2,223	585	1,670,963	16 50 "	18,530 00	8,319 00	1,283 51
1866	2,223	598	1,701,655	14 00 "	18,110 00	5,310 00	1,407 35
1867	2,223	601	1,770,468	15 50 "	17,660 00	8,850 00	1,576 24
1868	2,223	620	1,999,137	14 00 "	23,315 00	3,540 00	1,632 53
1869	2,223	609	1,966,876	12 50 "	19,839 00	4,425 00	1,800 41
1870	2,377	629	2,254,831	13 50 "	24,275 00	4,425 00	1,801 41
1871	2,377	618	2,324,750	16 00 "	31,746 00	4,425 00	1,801 41
1872	2,389	638	2,536,011	16 00 "	35,390 00	3,000 00	1,739 67
1873	2,296	706	2,863,285	16 00 "	41,875 00	3,375 00	1,922 72
1874	2,435	731	2,946,424	13 00 "	35,590 68	3,000 00	2,052 89
1875	2,510	736	2,979,711	14 50 "	40,598 30	3,000 00	1,924 58

The valuation prior to 1840 was made on a basis different from that on which it has since been made.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## BIRTHS

*Registered in Lexington from Jan. 1, 1875, to Jan. 1, 1876.*

Whole number of Births, 45; Males, 27; females, 18. 1 pair twins.

## BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS.

Massachusetts,	40	Other States,	7	Ireland,	31
British Provinces,	4	England,	5	Island of Madeira,	1

## MARRIAGES

*Registered in Lexington from Jan. 1, 1875, to Jan. 1, 1876.*

Whole number, 14. Both parties American, 9; both parties foreign, 4;  
American and foreign, 1.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
January 27.....	Geo. H. Phelps.....	Lexington.
	Georgie A. Waterman.....	West Roxbury.
February 9.....	Lucius H. Perkins.....	Lexington.
	Margaret Flynn.....	"
February 16. ....	George Sparhawk.....	Lexington.
	Abby L. Whittier.....	Cambridge.
March 11.....	George Simonds, Jr.....	Lexington.
	Alice H. Packard.....	"
March 26.....	John McPhee.....	Lexington.
	Ellen McPhee.....	Arlington.
March 29.....	John Finn.....	Lexington.
	Abby Lane.....	"
April 7.....	Stillman D. Kendall.....	Lexington.
	Ella F. Farmer.....	"

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
April 21.....	Samuel A. Fowle..... Mary Frances Russell.....	Arlington. Lexington.
May 7.....	Charles T. West..... Fanny A. Russell.....	Lexington. Arlington.
June 3.....	John Buckley..... Margaret Read.....	Lexington. “
June 6.....	William Barry..... Margaret Sheehan.....	Lexington. “
November 1....	Francis Wyman.... Anna T. Howe.....	Lexington. “
November 4....	George E. Pratt..... Mary E. French.....	Lexington. “
November 15....	Geo. Henry Rowe..... Harriett Adella Wright.....	Boston. Lexington.

## DEATHS

*Registered in Lexington from Jan. 1, 1875, to Jan. 1, 1876.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			PLACE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Jan'y 17	Lawrence O'Connell . . . . .	40			Lexington.	Ireland.
" 31	Hattie E. Bacon . . . . .	33	5	6	Somerville.	Acworth, N. H.
Feb'y 4	Margaret McGrath . . . . .	51			Lexington.	Ireland.
" 6	Newell Reed . . . . .	50			"	Burlington.
" 10	Laura Dinah . . . . .	16		22	"	Lexington.
" 14	Nellie Dinah . . . . .	4			"	"
" 18	T. Everett Cutler . . . . .	44	10		"	"
March 18	Annie Courier . . . . .	12	2		"	"
" 22	Isaac B. Smith . . . . .	72	2	6	Winchester.	"
" 25	Mary W. Brown . . . . .	82			Lexington.	"
April 12	Thomas Reardon . . . . .			1	"	"
" 18	Dorcas Haynes . . . . .	74	6		Randolph.	"
" 20	Samuel Lovewell . . . . .	72	6	2	Lexington.	Weston.
" 27	Chas. F. Dearborn . . . . .	16	6		"	Candia, N. H.
May 12	Mary Knight . . . . .	68	6		"	Lexington.
" 19	Annie Maria Smith . . . . .	1	7		"	Cambridgeport.
" 26	James Emery Parker . . . . .	29	8	26	"	Lexington.
June 20	James Crowley . . . . .	59			"	Ireland.
" 25	John Burns . . . . .	30			"	Pawtucket, R. I.
July 11	Martin Murphy . . . . .	65			"	Ireland.
" 25	Carrie E. Batchelder . . . . .	40	6	23	"	Warren, Me.
" 31	Olive E. Bailey . . . . .			5	"	Lexington.
Aug. 1	Mary Ellen Collins . . . . .	1	3		"	Boston.
" 1	Thomas M. Farmer . . . . .		5	8	"	Lexington.
" 8	Mary A. Russell . . . . .	65	7		"	Harvard.
" 12	Patrick White . . . . .	65			"	Ireland.
" 15	Mary McCusker . . . . .	40			"	"
" 22	Susan Shipley . . . . .	63	10		"	Lexington.
" 26	Geo. Henry Pierce . . . . .		2½		"	"
" 27	Sophia W. Harrington . . . . .	77			"	Littleton, N. H.
Sept. 24	Patrick Sullivan . . . . .	65	4		"	Ireland.
" 25	Clara Fogg . . . . .	27			"	N. H.
Oct. 13	Frank O. Holbrook . . . . .	22	6		"	Waltham.
" 19	Margaret E. Shea . . . . .	8	8		"	Lexington.
" 22	Bridget Ryan . . . . .	38			"	Ireland.
" 29	John Mooney . . . . .	60	4		"	"
Nov. 6	Ambrose C. Perry . . . . .	33	11		"	Rockland, Me.
" 10	James H. Bennett . . . . .	83	11	19	"	Ashburnham.
" 19	Maria H. Chandler . . . . .	83	5	9	"	Lexington.
" 28	Bell Blodgett Cutler . . . . .	2		16	"	"
" 30	Susan M. Simonds . . . . .	61	2		"	"
Dec. 8	Patrick White, Jr. . . . .		5		"	"
" 22	Frances M. Parker . . . . .	42	11		"	"

Whole No. of Deaths, 43. Males, 20; females, 23. American birth, 34;  
Foreign birth, 9.



## TOWN HISTORIES.

No. of Town Histories sold from Jan. 31, 1875, to Jan. 31, 1876, . 59  
 No. on hand Jan. 31, 1876, 305, 10 copies of which are slightly damaged.  
 No. copies on hand by Lee & Shepard, Boston, 39 bound volumes; 23 copies  
 in sheets.

No. of volumes of History of Lexington Centennial received . 837  
 No. delivered on orders of the Selectmen . . . . . 509  
 No. sold by Town Clerk to Jan. 31, 1876 . . . . . 42  
 No. on hand . . . . . 286

## D O G S .

No. Dogs licensed for 1875, . . . . . 204  
 Amount returned to County Treasurer . . . . . \$385 20

Compiled from the Town records.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

## CARY LIBRARY.

The Trustees of Cary Library report that the number of bound volumes in the Library January 31st, 1876, was 4,604. During the past year 407 volumes were added, 281 by purchase, and 126 by donation. The names of the donors are as follows: U. S. Government, 59 vols.; Anonymous, 26 vols.; Rice Fund of the New Church Convention, 19 vols.; Rev. H. Westcott, 4 vols.; Hon. C. Hudson, 2 vols.; J. Spofford, M. D., 2 vols.; Smithsonian Institute, 2 vols.; and one volume from each of the following: P. Cudmore, Le Sæur, Miss.; Wm. Plummer; Rev. I. S. Prime, N. York; C. Cowley; Concord Public Library; Eliab Brown, Abby C. May, Boston; Memorial Hall Library, Andover; Caroline F. Orne, Cambridge; P. M. Whitmore; Capt. W. A. Courtenay, S. C.; Hyde Park Library.

The number of books taken from the Library last year was 17,201.

At the annual examination the Library was found in good condition. Two volumes were found to be missing.

HENRY WESTCOTT,

*For the Trustees.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Cary Library debits himself as follows:

Note of the Town of Lexington, Feb. 28, 1871, 7 per cent., for four years to Feb. 28, 1875; after at 6 per cent.	\$5,000 00
Note of Town of Lexington, Aug. 29, 1868, 7 per cent.	1,000 00
Deposit in Lexington Savings Bank	100 00
Cash received of former Treasurer, May 3, 1875	71 20
“ “ of Town Treas.—Dog Tax	346 56
“ “ “ “ —Interest	395 00
“ “ “ “ —Fines	49 00
	\$6,961 76

And credits himself with:

Payments for books,	\$ 561 74
On account of preparing the Library for pictures, &c.,	47 72
On account of expenses	38 40
By Notes and Deposit Book	6,100 00
By Cash on hand at date	213 90
	\$6,961 76

HAMMON REED, *Treasurer.*

February 1, 1876.

## CONSTABLE'S REPORT.

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The Constable for the year ending January 31, 1876, submits the following :—

The whole number of arrests,	28
For Drunkenness,	14
“ Theft,	2
“ Assault,	2
“ Setting Fires,	4
“ Vagrancy	2
On Suspicion	4
	—28

The Constable makes no recommendation for the ensuing year. The number of tramps accommodated during the year has been large. This feature will probably show a decrease the present year. I am happy to say that that source of so much complaint—street loafing—exhibits more encouraging signs. Our citizens must bear in mind that the surplus of expenditure in this department is due to the recent Centennial Celebration, which brought with it an increase of duties and responsibility. Everything passed off in an orderly manner, and only a few persons were arrested. This is a good record where one hundred thousand people were gathered.

ELI SIMONDS, *Constable.*

## REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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The Engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following report of the property in their care.

With the exception of the addition of a new Hook and Ladder truck, the loss of one hundred and fifty feet of hose, which was destroyed at the Gas house, and a few other trifling changes, the inventory of property is substantially the same as reported last year.

In the Hancock engine house, we have only two hundred feet of good  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch hose ; the remaining three hundred feet,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch smaller, has been in the Department eighteen years, and is wholly unreliable and should be replaced by new hose, which should be of the same size as that last purchased by the Town ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch).

The Hancock and Adams engines have not been painted since they have been in service (eighteen years), and it now seems actually necessary that they should be painted to keep them in a proper state of preservation. The paint and varnish on the Chemical engine is of inferior quality; and as it has not been stored in a proper place during a part of the time since it has been in town, it now presents a very shabby appearance. Both the Hancock and Chemical engines have recently been repaired, and, with the above exceptions, the apparatus in the Department is in good working order.

For the safety of property in the Town, the Engineers deem it advisable that a company should be formed to man each engine and the truck ; the members of each company should be paid a reasonable compensation for their services, and sufficient reservoirs should be constructed to supply engines with water.

The new engine house on Meriam Street is approaching completion, but a small appropriation will be needed to finish it so that it can be occupied.

Number of fires during past year, four, viz.: House of Mr. Wood, on Bedford Street, and Gas house at Centre, dates unknown to present board of Engineers ; April 21st, Cutler's Hotel ; Nov. 9th, Mr. Blanchard's barn at East village.

OTIS WENTWORTH,	}	<i>Engineers</i>
BENJ. HADLEY,		<i>of</i>
HENRY A. TURNER,		<i>Fire Dep't.</i>

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1, 1876.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

### STATE AID.

#### RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$450 00	
Received from State,	453 00	
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		\$903 00
Amount expended,	\$402 00	
Balance,	501 00	
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		\$903 00

#### EXPENDITURES.

G. A. Page,	11 months,	\$66 00
Emily Earle,	12 "	48 00
Mary Manly,	11 "	88 00
Thomas Burke,	11 "	66 00
J. A. Mitchell,	12 "	54 00
W. Nicholson,	2 "	8 00
Lydia Kennaston,	12 "	48 00
Mary S. Manning,	6 "	24 00
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		\$402 00

### STATE TAX.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$3,000 00	
Paid State Treasurer,		\$3,000 00

### COUNTY TAX.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$1,924 58	
Paid County Treasurer,		\$1,924 58

## ADDITIONS TO FARM BUILDINGS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$275 00	
Excess of expenditure,	134 98	
	<hr/>	\$409 98

## EXPENDITURES.

Overseers of the Poor, labor,	\$20 00	
Highway Surveyors, posts,	7 50	
J. L. Norris, lumber,	30 54	
B. L. & N. R. R. Co., freight,	44 25	
Littleton Lumber Co., lumber,	132 15	
Cutter & Parker, sashes,	19 77	
C. A. Butters & Co., nails,	8 64	
Locke & Goddard, hardware,	11 33	
Eben R. Smith, labor,	73 75	
C. T. Worthley, expressage,	1 00	
S. L. Haskell, stone work,	24 00	
Gershom Swan, labor and material,	23 55	
Daniel Donovan, sand,	1 50	
Geo. B. Dennett, labor,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$409 98

## NEW ENGINE HOUSE (Centre Village).

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$2,000 00	
Amount expended,	\$965 00	
Balance unexpended,	1,035 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

## EXPENDITURES.

J. L. Norris, land,	\$325 00	
Highway Surveyors, labor,	20 00	
Matthew Gately, laying foundation,	20 00	
D. A. Tuttle, on account for construction,	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$965 00

## DECORATION DAY.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$100 00	
Paid E. S. Locke, Adj't Post 119, G. A. R.,		\$100 00

## ENGINE HOUSE ALTERATIONS (East Village).

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$350 00	
Excess of expenditure,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$360 00

## EXPENDITURES.

D. A. Tuttle, lumber and labor,	\$350 00	
“ work on extra closet,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$360 00

## REPAIRS ON WALTHAM STREET.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$500 00	
Excess of expenditure,	11 25	
	<hr/>	\$511 25

## EXPENDITURES.

I. B. Pineo,	labor and use of teams,	\$45 37
Henry McAvoy,	“ “ “	50 37
Thomas Flynn,	labor,	6 75
Edward Lawlor,	“	4 50
Thos. Smith,	“	2 62
D. Mullen,	“	35 00
F. Gaffaney,	“	35 00
F. Challoner,	“	33 24
W. Murphy,	“	35 00
P. Keating,	“	35 00

*Amount carried forward, \$282 85*

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	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$282 85	
P. Powers,	labor,	31 50	
N. Shea,	"	28 00	
H. Peirce,	"	40 00	
J. A. Russell,	smithing,	2 30	
Highway Surveyors,	labor and teams,	126 60	
		<hr/>	\$511 25

## LIQUOR LICENSES.

Receipts from various parties,	\$575 00	
Paid State Treasurer,	143 75	
	<hr/>	\$431 25

## CARY LIBRARY.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$350 00	
Dog tax for 1874,	346 56	
Appropriated and assessed 1875 (for catalogue),	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$786 56
Amount expended,	\$654 86	
Balance unexpended,	131 70	
	<hr/>	\$786 56

### EXPENDITURES.

Marion S. Keyes, services,	\$218 30
Hammon Reed, Treas., amount of dog tax,	346 56
Frank Wood, printing catalogue,	90 00
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	\$654 86

## RINGING CHURCH BELLS.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$70 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

J. F. Ham, services to April 1, 1875,	\$35 00	
J. Chisholm, services to May 1, 1875,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 00

## DINING HALL IN TOWN HOUSE.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$850 00	
Excess of expenditure	21 25	
	<hr/>	\$871 25

## EXPENDITURES.

D. A. Tuttle, plumbing,	\$147 00	
“ “ lumber and labor,	719 25	
E. A. Mulliken, digging well and grading,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$871 25

## SHOW-CASES, ETC., FOR CARY LIBRARY.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,		\$150 00
Amount expended,	\$144 45	
Balance unexpended,	5 55	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

## EXPENDITURES.

John A. Hughes, 2 show-cases,	\$70 00	
Stephen Smith & Co., stands for same,	57 00	
H. G. Smith, photograph of Lord Percy,	8 00	
Frank E. Martin, expressage,	55	
B. L. & N. R. R. Co., freight,	60	
B. S. Moulton & Co., 2 frames,	5 55	
H. B. Davis labor,	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$144 45

## HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,		\$500 00
Amount expended,	\$490 00	
Balance unexpended,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

## EXPENDITURES.

C. P. Pollard, hook and ladder truck,	\$490 00
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## INTEREST.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$4,500 00	
Interest on taxes, 1874, overdue,	128 94	
“ “ “ 1875, “	55 19	
J. L. Holbrook, interest on account of old engine-house lot,	13 90	
Savings Bank, interest on Centennial money,	28 87	
	<hr/>	\$4,726 90
Amount expended,	\$4,108 74	
Balance unexpended,	618 16	
	<hr/>	\$4,726 90

## EXPENDITURES.

State Treasurer,	interest,	\$1,825 00
Middlesex Ins. for Savings,	“	105 00
George Holden,	“	960 16
1st Nat'l Bank of Boston,	“	54 25
Treas. Cary Library,	“	395 00
O. & W. B. Smith,	“	120 00
Lex. Ministerial Fund,	“	210 00
Warren Sherburne,	“	114 33
Richardson, Hill & Co.,	“	325 00
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		\$4,108 74

## TOWN CLERK.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,		\$100 00
Amount expended,	\$96 30	
Balance unexpended,	3 70	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

## EXPENDITURES.

L. A. Saville, services, 1875,	\$80 00
“ “ extra recording,	15 00
“ “ postage, etc.,	1 30
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	\$96 30

## SEXTON.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$75 00	
Excess of expenditure,	28 50	
	<hr/>	\$103 50

## EXPENDITURES.

O. W. Kendall, services from Jan. 1, '74, to Jan. 1, '75,		
42 funerals attended,	\$42 00	
51 deaths returned,	12 75	
O. W. Kendall, services from Jan. 1, '75, to Jan. 1, '76,		
38 funerals attended,	38 00	
43 deaths returned,	10 75	
	<hr/>	\$103 50

## SCHOOLS.

## INSTRUCTION, FUEL AND CARE OF ROOMS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$10,750 00
$\frac{3}{4}$ State School Fund, 1875,	182 43
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$10,932 43

## REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$10,932 43	
Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$1,500 00	
$\frac{1}{4}$ State School Fund, 1875,	60 81	
Proceeds of old iron sold,	1 28	
Proceeds of stove sold Locke & Goddard,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,502 52
Amount expended on School Grant,	\$11,043 64	
“ “ “ Grant for repairs,	1,320 57	
Balance unexpended,	138 31	
	<hr/>	\$12,502 52

## ADAMS SCHOOL.

*From School Grant.*

Silas Peabody, instruction,	\$1,250 00	
“ “ care of room,	76 50	
Gertrude Pierce, instruction,	500 00	
Carrie Fiske, “	450 00	
J. W. Peirce, coal,	157 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,434 00

*From Grant for Repairs.*

Silas Peabody, books, crayon and ink,	\$4 65	
Locke & Goddard, sundries,	3 33	
W. T. Ham, books,	40	
C. A. Wellington, repairs,	3 75	
John Chisholm, “	5 50	
Geo. W. Nichols, “	1 50	
H. C. Hingley, labor,	3 65	
Alonzo Goddard, stove pipe, &c.,	13 75	
J. A. Stroples, labor,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$44 53

## BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

*From School Grant.*

Ada M. Frost, instruction,	\$500 00	
W. A. Kendall, care of room,	38 50	
G. F. Chapman, wood,	8 00	
J. W. Peirce, coal,	16 50	
J. W. S. Kendall, cutting wood,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$567 00

*From Grant for Repairs.*

W. A. Kendall, shovelling snow,	\$3 00	
R. M. Trask, repairs,	1 00	
G. W. Nichols, "	1 50	
Whitcher & Saville, broom,	50	
L. A. Saville, "	55	
Locke & Goddard, sundries,	5 38	
T. K. Fiske, glazing,	2 10	
C. B. Bailey, painting, etc.,	82 25	
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock,	219 00	
D. Henchy, grading,	3 50	
W. T. Ham, books,	1 54	
	<hr/>	\$320 32

## FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

*From School Grant.*

M. E. Thompson, instruction,	\$100 00	
" " care of room,	4 00	
Carrie A. Underwood, instruction,	320 00	
" " care of room,	11 50	
James H. Shedd, " "	4 50	
Julia Abbott, cleaning,	4 25	
J. W. Peirce, coal,	33 25	
S. D. Kendall, wood,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$483 50

*From Grant for Repairs.*

Whitcher & Saville, sundries,	\$1 65	
W. T. Ham, books,	1 87	
" " books for Congdon,	3 23	
Locke & Goddard, sundries,	2 50	
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock,	21 11	
M. Gately, stone work,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 36

## HANCOCK SCHOOL.

*From School Grant.*

O. A. Flint,	instruction,	\$682 50	
L. B. Grigson,	"	220 50	
Rosa Akerman,	"	75 00	
Ellen B. Lane,	"	500 00	
Sarah L. Adams,	"	80 00	
Fannie A. Hutchinson,	"	360 00	
Nellie E. Harrington,	"	450 00	
Mrs. Canfield,	cleaning,	4 50	
Mrs. Gilman,	"	1 00	
Mrs. G. C. Sparhawk,	washing curtains,	1 00	
Kate McGrath,	" "	75	
Eli Simonds,	care of room,	96 00	
J. W. Peirce,	coal,	219 75	
		<hr/>	\$2,691 00

*From Grant for Repairs.*

T. H. Bowen,	cleaning yard,	\$2 30	
J. L. Hammett,	maps and ink wells,	22 25	
A. L. Ball,	labor,	75	
Boston Journal,	advertising,	1 88	
" Transcript,	"	1 50	
Locke & Goddard,	sundries,	22 67	
O. A. Flint,	book,	50	
D. White & Son,	dusters,	4 00	
Peters & Jones,	basket,	70	
W. T. Ham,	books,	3 98	
" "	books furnished scholars free,	3 08	
C. Caldwell,	cleaning vault,	6 00	
G. Swan,	labor,	3 65	
W. R. Cutter,	traveling expenses,	3 00	
D. S. Sullivan,	repairing furniture,	1 00	
J. L. Norris,	sundries,	11 62	
J. K. Fellows,	desks,	246 40	
Ginn Bros.,	music charts, easels, etc.,	20 50	
John Cody,	repairing furniture,	75	
		<hr/>	\$356 53

## HIGH SCHOOL.

*From School Grant.*

A. E. White, instruction,	\$2,000 00	
L. M. Thurston,     "	195 00	
Annie R. Rice,     "	405 00	
F. A. Kimball,     "	262 50	
Bessie Desmond, cleaning,	3 00	
Eli Simonds, care of room,	74 00	
J. W. Peirce, coal,	184 50	
M. Murphy, cutting wood,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$3,126 50

*From Grant for Repairs.*

Locke & Goddard, sundries,	\$43 75	
A. Goddard,     "	2 22	
F. Wood,     printing,	5 50	
T. R. Marvin & Sons,     "	15 00	
C. S. Parker,     "	6 43	
J. L. Ross, desks, etc.,	82 85	
Nichols & Hall, stationery,	18 84	
O. Ditson & Co., song books,	17 50	
G. W. Nichols, repairs,	1 50	
Whitcher & Saville, sundries,	2 75	
T. Hollis, chemicals,	8 02	
Thos. Hall,     "	8 10	
H. B. & W. O. Chamberlin, apparatus,	71 22	
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., scales and weights,	19 46	
W. T. Ham,     books,	11 76	
Jas. Campbell,     "	21 80	
Church's express, expressing,	2 65	
Blinn's     "     "	5 00	
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock,	62 13	
G. E. Harrington, hanging bells, &c.,	10 00	
W. H. Smith, glazing,	3 65	
	<hr/>	\$420 13

## HOWARD SCHOOL.

*From School Grant.*

M. A. Gustin, instruction,	\$300 00	
Maria Butterfield "	210 00	
Wm. Grover, care of room,	40 10	
" " cutting wood,	4 50	
J. W. Peirce, coal,	24 75	
G. F. Chapman, wood,	8 00	
S. D. Kendall, wood,	13 00	
Mrs. Hart, cleaning,	2 67	
	<hr/>	\$603 02

*From Grant for Repairs.*

Alonzo Goddard, sundries,	\$3 25	
Locke & Goddard, "	17 30	
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock,	11 43	
W. T. Ham, books,	2 17	
T. K. Fiske, glazing,	3 50	
Wm. Grover, repairs,	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$39 20

## WARREN SCHOOL.

*From School Grant.*

M. A. Jackson, instruction,	\$50 00	
A. E. Bryant, "	40 00	
M. W. Batchelder, "	312 50	
M. Alice Paul, "	78 75	
Kate McNamara, care of room,	22 25	
J. W. Peirce, coal,	16 50	
S. D. Kendall, wood,	7 00	
G. F. Chapman, "	10 12	
Abijah Harrington, cutting wood,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$538 62

*From Grant for Repairs.*

Whitcher & Saville, sundries,	\$3 05	
Locke & Goddard, "	11 19	
Alonzo Goddard, "	1 70	
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*Amount carried forward, \$15 94*



<i>Amount brought forward, \$15 94</i>	
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock,	9 18
L. A. Saville, brooms,	80
W. T. Ham, books,	2 99
“ “ for Logan,	1 25
“ “ “ Reynolds,	3 66
Boston Journal, advertising,	75
	<hr/> \$34 57

## COMMON TO ALL SCHOOLS.

*From School Grant.*

Horace Bird, musical instructions,	\$600 00
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*From Grant for Repairs.*

Nichols & Hall, slate pencils,	\$3 30
J. L. Hammett, crayons, erasers, etc.,	37 13
Hammon Reed, lumber,	2 00
Hollingsworth & Whitney, paper,	1 00
Carter, Rice & Co., “	10 00
Geo. B. Dennett, labor,	1 50
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## SUMMARY.

NAME OF SCHOOLS.	FROM SCHOOL GRANT. Instruction, fuel and care of rooms.	FROM REPAIR GRANT. Repairs and Incidentals.	TOTALS.
Adams,	\$2,434 00	\$44 53	\$2,478 53
Bowditch,	567 00	320 32	887 32
Franklin,	483 50	50 36	533 86
Hancock,	2,691 00	356 53	3,047 53
High,	3,126 50	420 13	3,546 63
Howard,	603 02	39 20	642 22
Warren,	538 62	34 57	573 19
Musical Instruction,	600 00		600 00
Not classified,		54 93	54 93
Total,	\$11,043 64	\$1,320 57	\$12,364 21

## CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$1,000 00	
Excess of expenditure,	581 35	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Geo. E. Babcock, services,	\$99 07	
Jas. A. Mitchell, "	29 50	
W. Walcott, "	5 00	
J. F. Garmon, "	48 84	
Marshall Hapgood, "	17 50	
J. W. Tapley, "	12 00	
B. B. Bailey, "	15 00	
A. Livingston, "	2 00	
Thos. Anderson, "	2 00	
Wm. L. Parker, "	18 00	
Eli Simonds, "	58 00	
W. G. Taylor, "	18 00	
Charles A. Fowle, "	15 00	
F. Challoner, "	69 50	
W. E. Kimmins, "	17 50	
H. A. Wellington, "	15 00	
City of Boston, "	611 50	
H. B. Davis, "	12 75	
T. H. Bowen, "	152 25	
H. A. Turner, "	84 00	
W. F. Glenn, "	73 50	
J. L. Norris, use of room and fittings,	23 44	
H. W. Holmes, stabling,	6 00	
J. B. Smith, catering,	150 00	
A. L. Haskell & Son, bedding,	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,581 35

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$300 00	
Excess of expenditure,	323 50	
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## EXPENDITURES.

A. E. Scott, services one year to March, 1875,	\$90 00	
"    "    making school report, 1874,	25 00	
Charles Tidd, services one year to March, 1875,	90 00	
C. A. Wellington, "    "    "    "    "    "	90 00	
F. M. Harrington, carriage hire, 1874,	28 50	
Hammon Reed, services one year to March, 1876,	90 00	
Wm. Plummer, "    "    "    "    "    "	90 00	
A. B. Adams, "    to March, 1876,	45 00	
Franklin Patch, "    "    "    "	38 00	
Wm. R. Cutter, "    "    "    "	32 00	
Gershon Swan, "    "    "    "	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$623 50

## ADDITION TO VILLAGE HALL.

Appropriated, Nov. 2d, 1875,	\$150 00	
Paid D. A. Tuttle, on account,		\$150 00
Above appropriation not included in assessment of taxes.		

## STREET LAMPS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,		\$1,500 00
Amount expended,	\$1,435 36	
Balance unexpended,	64 64	
	<hr/>	\$1,500 00

## EXPENDITURES.

R. J. Elliott,	care of lamps,	\$123 90
W. A. Tower,	"	21 31
J. S. & W. H. Monroe,	"	42 63
John Harrington,	"	264 96
W. L. Barnes,	"	11 60
N. Garmon,	"	10 00
O. Brown,	"	11 85

*Amount carried forward,* \$486 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$486 25
R. W. Holbrook,	care of lamps,	11 05
N. W. Peirce,	"	12 50
G. Kauffman,	"	12 00
N. W. Jenney,	"	11 55
W. B. Hadley,	"	64 50
E. S. Spaulding,	"	10 50
W. R. Bass,	"	10 20
A. Childs,	"	10 00
Geo. Stearns,	"	11 00
L. A. Saville, glass,		4 15
Lexington Gas Light Co., gas,		791 66
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		\$1,435 36

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$500 00	
Proceeds of stove sold,	4 00	
Excess of expenditure,	129 59	
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## EXPENDITURES.

J. W. Peirce, coal,	Hancock,	\$21 45
C. T. Worthley, use of horse,	"	3 00
Locke & Goddard, sundries,	"	39 43
L. Lawrence, sundries,	"	8 20
J. Callahan, care,	"	76 67
Wm. Ham, smithing,	"	75
L. A. Saville, sundries,	"	12 13
Hunneman & Co., cap,	"	3 00
J. Callahan, care,	Babcock,	35 00
Wm. Ham, care,	"	10 50
L. A. Saville, sundries,	"	11 30
Eli Simonds, care,	"	9 00
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*Amount carried forward,* \$230 43

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$230 43
R. D. Blinn, steam gauge,	Babcock,	2 00
C. A. Butters & Co., potash,	"	25
R. W. Holbrook, sundries,	Adams,	9 59
J. Chisholm, sundries,	"	1 80
A. D. Lombard, use of horse, &c.,	"	4 00
Wm. Locke, sundries,	"	14 15
Hadley & Wright, sundries,	"	40 04
Hunneman & Co., repairs,	"	27 40
A. Childs, sundries,	"	2 21
H. P. Webber, smithing,	"	5 77
E. O. Webster, sundries,	"	7 25
J. W. Peirce, coal,	"	25 50
O. Brown, painting,	"	3 50
" care,	"	50 00
B. Hadley, refreshments, Cutler Hotel fire,		23 70
" labor of 29 men at Cutler Hotel fire,		43 50
" " of 35 men at Blanchard fire,		71 00
Hadley's exp., moving engine, H. & L. truck, etc.,		17 50
J. Callahan, labor two men at Gas Works fire,		6 00
John Buckley, cleaning H. & L. truck,		3 00
Wm. Ham, engineer to May, 1875,		15 00
J. F. Simonds " " "		15 00
B. Hadley, " " "		15 00
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		\$633 59

## ASSESSORS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,		\$400 00
Amount expended,	\$372 11	
Balance unexpended,	27 89	
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		\$400 00

## EXPENDITURES.

L. A. Saville, services, 1875,	\$125 00
W. Wellington, services, 1875,	125 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$250 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$250 00
W. Wellington, use of team,	10 00
J. F. Simonds, services, 1875,	75 00
Geo. F. Morgan, copying mortgages,	14 16
John L. Parker, printing,	17 45
A. R. Gay, blank books,	5 50
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	\$372 11

## BILLS PAYABLE.

## RECEIPTS.

Borrowed Warren Sherburne, Mar. 1, 1875,	\$2,000 00	
“ Geo. Holden, May 7, 1875,	5,000 00	
“ First Nat'l B'k, Boston, May 4, 1875,	3,000 00	
“ Richardson, Hill & Co., April 1,		
1875,	10,000 00	
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Amount expended,	\$9,500 00	
Balance,	10,500 00	
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## EXPENDITURES.

First National Bank, temporary loan paid,	
August 5, 1875,	\$3,000,00
George Holden, temporary loan paid Aug.	
24, 1875,	2,500 00
Warren Sherburne, temporary loan paid Jan.	
2, 1876,	2,000 00
O. & W. B. Smith, note, July 31, 1868,	2,000 00
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	\$9,500 00

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$1,500 00
Cash from various sources as follows :—	
Eight barrels potatoes sold,	\$18 00
Aug. Childs, for eggs,	15 40
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$33 40
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	\$1,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$33 40	\$1,500 00
Cow and produce sold,	22 35	
Whitcher & Saville, eggs, beans and potatoes,	41 18	
L. A. Saville, eggs,	25 06	
C. A. Butters & Co., eggs,	14 26	
Eggs, sold,	9 00	
Hogs and pigs sold,	165 20	
David Hall, for pig,	10 00	
M. H. Roberts, for pigs,	36 00	
N. Shea, for pig,	10 50	
Jubal Tam, for pigs,	29 00	
Hens sold,	2 25	
Chickens sold,	21 92	
J. D. Callahan, for cider,	15 00	
G. F. Jones, for potatoes,	1 75	
Wm. Smith, " "	5 25	
W. Duren, " "	3 00	
W. A. Holmes & Co., for potatoes,	41 04	
Joshua Hobart, " "	1 20	
O. W. Kendall, " "	5 25	
Charles Hudson, " "	12 45	
C. K. Tucker, " "	3 75	
Mrs. Turner, " "	3 50	
I. N. Damon, " "	3 50	
Edw. Carnes, " "	55 00	
Produce sold,	22 77	
J. F. Simonds, for produce,	22 10	
J. McKenzie, " "	3 75	
G. B. Dennett, " "	8 75	
Mrs. Wellington, " "	4 25	
Wm. Harding, for hay,	18 00	
F. F. Raymond, " "	49 93	
Jackson Bros., for beef,	42 25	
Cary Farm, for manure,	28 25	
Ashes sold,	70	

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*Amounts carried forward,* \$771 56    \$1,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$771 56	\$1,500 00
Surveyors of Highways, labor of			
R. F. Dodge,	16 00		
Surveyors of Highways, board of			
man and horses,	355 00		
Surveyors of Highways, teaming			
posts,	11 50		
F. Alderman, for teaming,	50		
" " " house offal,	9 62		
I. N. Damon, for drawing coal,	13 25		
" " " labor of R. F.			
Dodge,	10 62		
B. C. Whitcher, for teaming coal,	13 22		
Teaming coal for Town Hall,	29 30		
E. R. Smith, for board,	22 50		
Bill of nursing returned,	9 00		
State of Massachusetts, aid for			
Burns family,	67 74		
Com. on Piggery, drawing stone,			
lumber and labor,	20 00		
		<hr/>	\$1,349 81
Excess of expenditure,			1,041 56
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			\$3,891 37

## EXPENDITURES.

R. F. Dodge, services of self and wife,	\$541 66
" " sundries,	36 49
A. Childs, groceries and grain,	36 50
Whitcher & Saville, " " "	296 77
R. W. Holbrook, " " "	20 55
L. A. Saville, " " "	170 04
W. A. Holmes & Co., " " "	159 96
C. A. Butters & Co., "	149 64
H. W. Vinal, grain,	77 39
B. D. Sweet, flour,	29 75

*Amount carried forward, \$1,518 75*



<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,518 75
C. H. Lowe, meat,	85 62
S. F. Woodbridge & Co., beef,	24 45
J. E. Hodgman, “	148 49
H. B. Mitchell, fish,	36 66
W. H. Hutchinson & Co., cloth,	2 00
M. S. Page, clothing, etc.,	109 75
Fessenden, Osgood & Co., clothing, etc.,	19 41
G. W. Taylor & Co., dry goods, etc.,	36 00
A. F. Spaulding, boots, shoes, etc.,	30 40
Wm. Fillebrown, boots, shoes, etc.,	3 40
W. T. Ham, sundries,	11 57
J. A. Kingman, furniture,	8 35
Learnard & Hartley, hemp carpet,	4 50
Wm. Ham, smithing,	15 59
J. A. Russell, “	18 72
F. H. Kneeland, “	24 20
H. P. Webber, wagon,	112 50
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., 1 sett springs,	3 00
Wm. Brigham, wheelwrighting,	15 50
C. K. Tucker, “	15 99
L. Lawrence, harness work,	14 70
Locke & Goddard, sundries,	34 93
G. W. Nichols, repairs,	3 25
Whittemore Bros., agricultural tools,	22 75
Parker & Gannett, repairs,	3 25
City of Boston, offal,	120 12
“ “ Cambridge, offal,	15 00
Wm. Harding, pigs,	88 00
W. L. Wilkins, chickens,	8 97
“ “ manure,	125 00
Jubal Tam, “	4 38
B. L. & N. R. R. Co., freight,	1 23
C. T. Worthley, expressing,	55
Blinn's Exp., “	1 00
Church's “	45
A. A. Rhodes, caps, etc.,	2 20

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*Amount carried forward, \$2,690 63*

<i>Amount brought forward, \$2,690 63</i>	
M. E. Seeley, socks, etc.,	2 40
Houghton & Dutton, cloth and scarf,	85
N. M. Nelson, blankets,	1 95
O. M. Winship, 2 cows,	65 00
J. M. Eaton, soap,	12 75
Joseph Kendall, boar pig,	20 00
Magee Furnace Co., boiler door,	3 00
N. Shea, chickens,	7 50
O. W. Kendall, funeral of Stearns,	25 85
A. Boynton, meadow hay,	10 50
Geo. T. Litchfield, "	18 08
Town of Lexington, dog license,	2 00
Gershom Swan, laths,	1 50
F. E. Foster & Co., lumber,	74
A. G. Babcock, drugs,	4 12
S. T. Hawthorne, M. D., medical attendance,	2 00
D. Butterfield, cow and calf,	50 00
Surveyors of highways, boards,	5 00
Eben R. Smith, labor,	36 21
J. W. Ellsworth, "	6 30
J. F. Rowell, "	1 75
Philip Hilt, "	25 00
James Daley, "	1 00
John McKenzie, "	10 60
Thos. Fogarty, "	8 00
N. Shea, "	7 00
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	\$3,019 73

## OUTSIDE POOR.

Aid furnished Mrs. Capelle,	\$42 50
" " " M. Doyle,	20 96
" " " J. Doyle,	4 50
" " " Egan,	78 00
" " " L. Gleason,	52 00
" " " Fogg,	12 85
" " " Canfield,	9 00

*Amounts carried forward, \$219 81    \$3,019 73*

	<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$219 81	\$3,019 73
Aid furnished Mrs. Crowley,		9 00	
" " D. Dinah,		93 21	
" " John Burns,		237 85	
" " L. Logan,		77 38	
" " W. R. Hawkins,		90 00	
" " Chas. Stearns,		3 82	
" " J. Reed,		5 88	
" " Newell Reed,		23 00	
" " Nathan Reed,		24 50	
" " J. A. Fiske,		5 32	
" " Tramps,		72 87	
" " Margaret Mooney, nursing,		8 00	
" " Maria Fowler, nursing,		1 00	
		<hr/>	\$871 64
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			\$3,891 37

The Treasurer paid from the contingent grant \$32 75 for care of tramps, which accounts for the difference between us.

## HIGHWAYS.

### RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$4,500 00	
Cash from following sources:—		
Waltham street improvement,	126 60	
Committee on piggery,	3 33	
Sale of colt,	76 50	
Main street improvement,	93 28	
Lexington Gas Company,	25 61	
Laying drain pipe,	12 00	
Wood street improvement,	35 00	
Lowell street improvement,	36 33	
New engine house,	20 00	
Loam on Common,	16 00	
Wm. Ham,	33 50	
Lumber sold,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,983 15
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$4,983 15

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,983 15
Amount expended,	\$4,973 67	
Balance unexpended,	9 48	
	<hr/>	\$4,983 15

## EXPENDITURES.

A. Childs,	grain,	\$24 25
Whitcher & Saville,	"	176 21
R. W. Holbrook,	"	22 52
L. A. Saville,	"	114 18
C. A. Butters & Co.,	"	71 56
H. W. Vinal,	"	36 09
F. H. Kneeland,	smithing,	14 80
H. P. Webber,	"	14 99
Wm. Ham,	"	58 37
J. A. Russell,	"	2 15
J. A. Smith,	"	9 64
L. Lawrence,	harness work,	44 83
J. F. Simonds,	sundries,	2 50
"	" labor,	522 50
Wm. Murphy,	"	221 46
F. Gaffeney,	"	227 31
N. Shea,	"	249 33
James Emery,	"	168 30
F. Challoner,	"	220 45
Harrison Peirce,	"	220 00
J. F. Rowell,	"	160 00
P. Hilt,	"	79 33
P. Keating,	"	218 25
P. Keating, Jr.,	"	95 29
D. Mullen,	"	96 66
P. Powers,	"	222 34
John McKenzie,	"	13 40
N. L. Bryant,	"	17 00
Matthew Gateley,	stone work,	122 80
S. L. Haskell,	"	95 63
Overseers of the Poor,	board of man and horses,	382 50

*Amount carried forward, \$3,924 64*

<i>Amount brought forward, \$3,924 64</i>	
P. Ryan, labor and gravel,	11 80
H. B. Davis, labor on railing,	69 33
A. Manning, labor,	5 69
E. C. Bailey, "	2 20
Joseph Dane, "	4 60
M. O'Brien, "	1 60
Wm. Corcoran, "	1 60
Albert Tufts, "	35 00
Chas. Angier, "	1 60
F. Kendall, "	1 70
J. Mokely, "	11 00
J. Callahan, "	6 20
J. Reardon, "	2 20
J. Spaulding, "	5 60
M. H. Roberts, "	4 60
B. B. Bailey, "	2 00
James King, "	10 00
C. A. Mandelberg, "	2 50
Henry McAvoy, "	32 50
D. Dow, "	6 40
Wm. Hartwell, "	8 00
P. Kelley, "	5 00
H. Jewett, "	2 60
Eben Stone, "	6 00
D. McCarty, "	8 75
C. F. Winship, "	5 00
Timo. Kineen, "	29 80
S. Lawrence, "	13 00
C. Wellington, "	26 00
C. M. Parker, "	16 00
W. Walcott, use of horses and men,	59 25
G. A. Paine, labor,	7 00
E. E. Smith, "	3 50
W. Griffin, "	8 00
D. Donovan, "	4 00
G. B. Dennett, labor and stock,	34 67

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*Amount carried forward, \$4,379 33*

<i>Amount brought forward, \$4,379 33</i>	
Henry McAvoy, horse,	150 00
R. T. Bryant, labor,	3 50
S. Hartwell, posts,	67 33
A. G. Spaulding, "	37 50
Wadsworth, Sawyer & Co., lumber,	41 30
John A. Easton, "	57 08
J. L. Norris, "	75
Whittemore Bros., sundries,	3 88
Wood Bros., smithing,	6 00
H. R. Wentworth, wheelwrighting,	37 25
D. Dow, drag,	8 00
E. R. Smith, labor,	3 00
N. Fessenden, gravel,	8 00
D. A. Tuttle, tool box,	10 75
Parkers Fuller, exchange on horses,	160 00
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	\$4,973 67

## CENTENNIAL.

The Town appropriated for the Centennial \$11,121 00. The receipts from Hammon Reed, Treasurer of the Committee, were \$8,668 40, making a total of \$19,789 40. The expenditures were \$18,053 69, leaving a balance of \$1,735 71. But the Town only assessed for 1875, \$2,300, and voted to pay \$2,000 per year thereafter until the whole is paid. The Auditors have only this assessment and the receipts from Mr. Reed to deal with in this year's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

Assessed for 1875,	\$2,300 00	
Hammon Reed, Treas. Executive Committee,	8,668 40	
Excess of expenditure,	7,085 29	
	<hr/>	\$18,053 69
Amount of expenditure as per items below,		\$18,053 69

## EXPENDITURES.

Alfred A. Blair,	printing,	\$ 5 00
A. Mudge & Son,	"	108 65
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*Amount carried forward, \$113 65*

<i>Amount brought forward, \$</i>		113 65
John L. Parker,	printing,	2 25
Arlington Press Association,	"	28 10
Rand, Avery & Co.,	"	170 00
G. L. Woodbury,	"	3 25
J. Harris,	"	23 50
Frank Wood,	"	138 50
John A. Lowell,	engraving and printing,	788 90
Boston Post,	advertising,	114 87
"	Journal,	155 50
"	Herald,	205 00
"	Globe,	115 27
"	Advertiser,	103 95
"	News,	46 00
"	Traveller,	106 88
"	Transcript,	119 75
Chas. Hudson,	stationery, etc.,	85 08
C. K. Darling,	"	1 63
Frank E. Wetherell,	"	1 32
A. R. Gay & Co.,	"	14 65
Lancaster & Upham,	flooring tents,	1,043 87
J. L. Norris,	tables and flooring,	505 29
Franklin Patch,	stock,	3 82
John A. Easton,	lumber,	25 19
F. E. Stewart,	use and setting up of chairs,	432 00
R. M. Yale,	use of tents and labor,	768 64
"	" use of bunting,	350 00
Whiton Bros. & Co.,	cordage,	107 05
Col. Wm. Beals,	decorating,	415 21
J. M. Hesse,	sorting Navy Yard flags,	8 00
Frank Titus,	gas fixtures,	300 00
Lexington Gas Co.,	gas,	67 27
M. H. Merriam,	flowers,	70 00
"	" hack hire,	3 00
J. B. Smith,	catering,	7,892 50
J. McDan,	"	26 00
B. T. Wells,	pyrotechnics,	100 00

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*Amount carried forward, \$*14,455 89

<i>Amount brought forward, \$14,455 89</i>	
O. Ditson & Co., sheet music,	5 23
Carlyle Petersilea, musical services,	30 00
Boylston Club, railroad fares,	25 00
Lexington Brass Band, services,	132 80
Germania Band,                   “	434 00
Brown's Brigade Band,       “	496 00
Pollard & Leighton, sashes and rosettes,	44 75
H. A. Winship & Co., batons,	44 50
D. H. Patterson & Co., signs and cards,	2 00
Carpenter, Plimpton & Co., ribbon,	16 53
W. P. Chase, lettering badges,	31 65
H. M. Richards, mounting “	17 50
Mrs. Sarah Wellington, use of house and board,	88 00
Hammon Reed, press headquarters,	3 55
Whitcher & Saville, sundries,	37 22
“   “   “   removing snow,	37 75
James Cheever, rope,	9 07
John P. Barnard, hack hire,	517 00
L. J. Kendall, hack hire,	15 00
Rufus C. Marsh, superintendent of hacks,	7 00
Fred A. Nason, transportation,	8 50
W. U. Telegraph Co., telegrams,	2 04
Boston Board of Trade,   “	9 45
Chas. Hudson, expense on statues,	38 26
“                   “   of veiling same,	83 20
Lexington Minute Men, uniform,	1,000 00
Joseph Eaton, use of Clark House,	35 00
Peter Harrington, teaming Palmetto tree,	20 00
Rev. E. G. Porter, medals voted to guests,	78 75
“                   “   postage on same,	3 80
“                   “   expressage on relics,	11 00
Dennison & Co., tags,	2 00
Benjamin Adams, binding,	2 00
L. G. Babcock, refreshments,	4 50
Geo. O. Davis, sundries,	24 25
Geo. E. Muzzey,   “	28 05

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*Amount carried forward, \$17,801 24*



<i>Amount brought forward, \$17,801 24</i>	
Locke & Goddard, brooms,	2 25
Reed & Raymond, rent of land for stabling,	10 00
J. S. Paine, teaming furniture,	20 00
Blinn's express, expressage,	89 00
C. T. Worthley, moving pianos,	20 00
H. A. Worthley, services,	3 00
Willard Walcott, moving stone posts,	4 00
E. A. Mulliken, setting hitching posts,	18 00
H. L. Hayford, labor of self and men,	26 00
C. F. Butters, labor,	2 00
James Emery, "	14 50
Patrick Haley, "	4 10
Andrew Kellaher, "	2 60
James Gorman, "	2 00
M. O'Brien, "	4 50
Simon Cavanaugh, "	2 60
Thomas Welch, "	4 50
John Gorman, "	2 60
M. Hayes, "	2 00
W. Walcott, "	4 00
J. F. Simonds, "	4 00
Thomas Arnold, "	4 50
James Silk, "	60
John Buckley, "	2 40
C. B. Bailey, painting monument fence,	3 30
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	\$18,053 69

## CONTINGENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$3,500 00
Use of Village Hall,	161 50
" Town Hall and rooms,	363 00
Corporation Tax,	422 84
National Bank Tax,	653 16
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*Amount carried forward, \$5,100 50*

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,100 50	
Taxes, 1874,		3,321 16	
Merchant's Ins. Co., dividend,		25 51	
Licenses, April 19th,		28 00	
Sidewalk tax, 1872,		44 25	
Lumber sold,		17 41	
H. Wilson, tax, 1873,		2 00	
J. G. Sherman, tax, 1874,		3 20	
J. L. Holbrook, old engine-house lot,		239 70	
A. S. McDonald, billiard license,		10 00	
Sale of Town Histories, Lee & Shepard,		42 30	
“ “ “ L. A. Saville,		84 60	
“ Cent'l “ Lockwood, Brooks & Co.,		66 74	
“ “ “ L. A. Saville,		53 60	
Hay Scales,		39 36	
Drainage betterments,		659 36	
Supplementary Tax List,		102 56	
Overlayings,		543 30	
			\$10,383 55
Amount expended,	\$6,951 62		
Balance unexpended,	3,431 93		
			\$10,383 55

## EXPENDITURES.

Chas. Hudson, services as selectman to Mar.	
1, 1875,	15 00
Chas. Hudson, services as selectman to May	
10, 1875, and sundries,	41 35
L. S. Peirce, services as selectman to Mar.	
1, 1875,	12 00
B. C. Whitcher, services as selectman to Mar.	
1, 1875,	12 00
B. C. Whitcher, services as selectman, over-	
seer and surveyor to Feb. 1, 1876,	275 00
F. Alderman, services as selectman, overseer	
and surveyor to Feb. 1, 1876,	275 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$630 35

<i>Amount brought forward, \$630 35</i>	
I. N. Damon, services as selectman, overseer and surveyor, on account,	225 00
I. N. Damon, 3 days with auditors, Feb., 1875,	9 00
B. C. Whitcher, car fares and sundries,	10 10
L. A. Saville, recording births, marriages and deaths,	31 90
O. W. Kendall, janitor Town Hall,	260 57
“ “ Cary Library,	139 50
“ police duty,	10 00
“ repairs on hay scales and hearse,	3 30
“ services, Apr. 19,	3 00
“ glazing, locks, nails, &c.,	17 46
“ repairing bell,	5 00
Alonzo Goddard, sundries, Cary Library,	35
J. W. Peirce, coal for Town Hall,	65 50
Locke & Goddard, sundries,	95 88
Alonzo Goddard, “ Town Hall,	5 63
Overseers of Poor, teaming coal,	29 30
D. A. Tuttle, labor at Town Hall,	19 80
Gershom Swan, “ “ “	26 99
L. G. Babcock, coloring niches,	6 00
F. A. Titus, gas fixtures at Town Hall,	213 22
Lexington Gas Co., gas to Jan. 1, 1876,	91 94
Franklin Ins. Co., insurance during repairs at Town Hall,	5 00
Ætna Ins. Co., insurance during repairs at Town Hall,	10 00
Conn. Ins. Co., insurance during repairs at Town Hall,	1 00
Royal Ins. Co., insurance during repairs at Town Hall,	15 00
N. A. Ins. Co., insurance during repairs at Town Hall,	7 50
J. S. Merriam, setting glass at Town Hall,	8 00
Morss & Whyte, iron fenders for statues,	106 70
Wm. Wyman, coal,	115 00

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*Amount carried forward, \$2,167 99*

<i>Amount brought forward, \$2,167 99</i>	
L. A. Saville, sundries,	3 20
L. S. Peirce, care of Village Hall,	87 00
"    wood,	10 39
Alonzo Goddard, sundries,	33 36
H. C. Hingley, specifications,	17 00
J. W. Peirce, coal,	18 00
Eli Simonds, table for E. Village lock-up,	2 15
Tucker Manufacturing Co., iron bedsteads,	11 20
Blinn's Exp., expressage,	35
M. H. Butler, piping 66 lamp posts, Town Hall, &c.,	229 40
D. W. Muzzey, land damage on Main Street,	300 00
"    "    bought    "    "	22 13
David Wood    "    damage    "    "	25 00
W. D. Phelps, <i>et al.</i> , land damage on Main Street,	75 00
"    "    "    bought    "    "	47 18
E. J. Plummer,    "    damage    "    "	50 00
Jane M. Bruce,    "    "    on Weston    "	25 00
D. W. Muzzey,    "    "    under drainage act,	30 00
G. A. Somerby, settlement F. E. Gleason suit,	50 00
"    "    legal advice on drainage cases,	172 00
A. T. Hadley, damages for imperfect highway,	17 00
Thomas Fitzmorris, damage on horse,	10 00
J. F. Simonds, services in case of J. H. Wright,	6 00
Locke & Roberts, exp.    "    "	2 00
Walter Bates, concrete work,	289 00
Alonzo Goddard, services as sealer, 1 year,	15 00
John L. Parker, printing town reports, Feb'y, 1875,	295 00
A. M. Blake,    printing,	1 50
C. S. Parker,    "	37 20
Arlington Press Ass'n,    "	10 25
Hammon Reed,    "	3 00
T. R. Marvin & Son,    "	29 50
Rand, Avery & Co., printing 1000 Cent'l books,	631 47
Russell & Richardson, engraving for same,	267 75

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*Amount carried forward, \$4,991 02*

<i>Amount brought forward, \$4,991 02</i>	
J. R. Osgood & Co., heliotypes for same,	45 00
S. H. Sanborn, binding the same,	232 65
Chas. Hudson, sundries on same,	53 33
Rev. E. G. Porter, " "	7 60
H. A. Mitchell, engraving town seal, and press,	90 00
C. K. Darling, stationery,	2 00
J. F. Simonds, making list of tax-payers,	6 00
Whiton Bros. & Co., halyard lines,	2 50
Sewall, Day & Co., rope,	14 06
M. O'Brien, watching statues,	2 00
" " labor on Common,	20 50
D. Dow, moving stone,	3 50
I. N. Damon, insurance on statues,	120 00
H. H. Tyler, gravel pit,	200 00
D. P. Hatch & Co., cleaning monument,	18 00
Miss Sarah Foster, repairing flag,	75
E. E. Smith, work on culvert,	45 00
C. E. Otis, covering stone,	69 00
J. G. Reed, labor on Common,	2 00
Wentworth, Roberts & Co., lettering monument,	4 60
Rev. E. G. Porter, expenses, Gen. Sherman's visit,	8 25
Whitcher & Saville, sand,	5 44
W. H. Smith, painting Common fence,	59 32
Blinn's exp., expressage,	30
Church's exp., " "	1 00
A. G. Spaulding, wood,	18 00
Hallett & Co., bedding,	10 50
J. G. Reed, lumber,	8 50
F. M. Harrington, moving Burns family,	6 00
" " horse hire,	34 25
Charles Adair, catering,	6 00
Surveyors of Highways, loam on Common,	16 00
Wm. Locke, 2d, cesspool,	12 50
H. B. Davis, carting and setting posts,	5 50
" " sign boards and labor,	29 58
L. G. Babcock, lettering sign boards,	28 75

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*Amount carried forward, \$6,179 40*

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$6,179 40
Lincoln & Hopkinson, mats,		9 50
G. B. Dennett, boxing Cent'l elm,		17 26
R. & W. Sherburne, glass,		4 85
Oliver Brown, labor and stock,		8 75
Samuel Fletcher, covering stone,		66 25
N. Garmon, setting stone posts,		17 60
Aiken & Woodward, charcoal,		12 50
Thomas Lahea, removing stone,		12 50
F. Challoner, keys,		30
Taylor & Little, surveying,		41 50
Wm. Ham, smithing on hearse,		4 00
“ “ repairs on Common and cemetery,		4 66
Wood Bros., “ “ hearse,		21 50
W. H. Smith, painting hearse-house,		17 38
Hadley's exp., expressage,		3 75
Eli Simonds, notifying town meetings, attending same, drawing jurors, and summons to delinquent dog-owners,		87 00
B. L. & N. R. R. Co., freight,		10 11
Worcester Lunatic Asylum:—		
Board of R. J. Rhoades,	\$178 42	
“ “ James Congdon,	90 50	
“ “ M. A. Gammell,	163 89	432 81
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		\$6,951 62

#### IMPROVEMENT ON LOWELL STREET.

Paid from Contingent Grant. Ordered Oct. 7th; not to exceed \$150 00.

#### EXPENDITURES.

James Emery,	labor,	\$10 93
P. Keating,	“	11 81
P. Keating, Jr.,	“	11 81
Frank Gaffeney,	“	10 93
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$45 48

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$45 48	
P. Powers,	labor,	10 93	
Wm. Murphy,	"	10 93	
N. Shea,	"	11 81	
Fred. Challoner,	"	12 25	
Harrison Peirce,	"	6 00	
D. Mullen,	"	6 55	
W. Walcott,	"	5 25	
Highway Surveyors,	labor and teams,	36 33	
		<hr/>	\$145 53

## IMPROVEMENT ON MAIN STREET.

Paid from Contingent Grant.

## EXPENDITURES.

P. Powers,	labor,	\$26 24	
N. Shea,	"	25 80	
F. Challoner,	"	26 25	
D. Mullen,	"	22 31	
James Emery,	"	27 12	
P. Keating, Jr.,	"	27 55	
Harrison Peirce,	"	31 00	
Frank Gaffeney,	"	27 55	
P. Keating,	"	27 55	
Wm. Murphy,	"	27 55	
Surveyors of Highways,	use of team and men,	93 28	
G. Swan,	drain pipe,	44 00	
		<hr/>	\$406 20

## IMPROVEMENT ON WOOD STREET.

Paid from Contingent Grant. Ordered Oct. 7th; not to exceed \$200 00.

## EXPENDITURES.

P. Powers,	labor,	8 75	
P. Keating,	"	10 50	
P. Keating, Jr.,	"	9 62	

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*Amount carried forward,* \$28 87

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$28 87	
James Emery,	labor,	10 50	
Frank Gaffaney,	"	9 62	
N. Shea,	"	4 37	
Harrison Peirce,	"	4 00	
D. Mullen,	"	9 62	
F. Challoner,	"	10 50	
Wm. Murphy,	"	10 50	
W. Walcott,	use of horse and man,	6 00	
Surveyors of Highways,	use of horse and man,	35 00	
		<hr/>	\$128 98

## RE-LAYING DRAIN NEAR CEMETERY.

Paid from the Contingent Grant.

## EXPENDITURES.

P. Keating,	labor,	\$4 37	
P. Keating, Jr.,	"	2 62	
James Emery,	"	4 37	
Frank Gaffaney,	"	4 37	
N. Shea,	"	2 62	
Harrison Peirce,	"	5 00	
P. Powers,	"	4 37	
D. Mullen,	"	4 37	
F. Challoner,	"	4 37	
Wm. Murphy,	"	4 37	
Surveyors of Highways,	use of team and men,	12 00	
		<hr/>	\$52 83

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$600 00	
Excess of expenditure,	400 00	
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		\$1,000 00



## EXPENDITURES.

I. N. Damon, services, 1874,	\$600 00	
“ “ on account, 1875,	400 00	
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## AUDITORS.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$45 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Frank E. Wetherell, services, 1874,	\$24 00	
Gershom Swan, “ “	21 00	
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## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$500 00
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## EXPENDITURES.

Taxes abated by Assessors,	\$303 52	
Balance unexpended,	196 48	
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## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

## RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1875,	\$800 00	
Excess of expenditure,	123 39	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Allowed for prompt payment of taxes,	\$923 39
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## REMARKS.

In conclusion, we certify that we have examined each and every voucher which goes to make up the details of the preceding pages, covering the year ending Jan. 31st, 1876, and that we find the same correctly cast.

We vary somewhat, as in our report of last year, from the Treasurer's classification, but the variation does not affect the result. We would urge greater care in this regard on the part of those whose duty it is to determine from what grant bills shall be paid. In one or two cases we have allowed bills to remain under grants where they do not properly belong, rather than to complicate matters by disturbing custom and usage.

The plan of disbursement now in practice has proved to be a move in the right direction. From experience we know that it simplifies accounts, saves time and avoids inaccuracy.

We have placed at the commencement of this book a comprehensive and detailed table of contents, which, we trust, will prove an aid to the citizens of the town, in their examination of, or their reference to, the various departments of town service.

Our balance sheet will be found on the two succeeding pages.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. WETHERELL,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
GERSHOM SWAN,	

LEXINGTON, Feb. 12th, 1876.

## AUDITORS' BALANCE-SHEET.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 1st, 1875, . . . . .	\$312 45
State Aid, . . . . .	903 00
State Tax, . . . . .	3,000 00
County Tax, . . . . .	1,924 58
Additions to Farm Buildings, . . . . .	275 00
New Engine House (Centre Village), . . . . .	2,000 00
Decoration Day, . . . . .	100 00
Engine House Alterations (East Village), . . . . .	350 00
Repairs on Waltham Street, . . . . .	500 00
Liquor Licenses, . . . . .	575 00
Cary Library, . . . . .	786 56
Ringling Church Bells, . . . . .	70 00
Dining Hall in Town House, . . . . .	850 00
Show Cases for Cary Library, . . . . .	150 00
Hook and Ladder Truck, . . . . .	500 00
Interest, . . . . .	4,726 90
Town Clerk, . . . . .	100 00
Sexton, . . . . .	75 00
School Grant, . . . . .	10,932 43
School Repairs, . . . . .	1,570 09
Constables and Police, . . . . .	1,000 00
School Committee, . . . . .	300 00
Street Lamps, . . . . .	1,500 00
Fire Department, . . . . .	504 00
Assessors, . . . . .	400 00
Bills Payable (Loans and Town Debt), . . . . .	20,000 00
Support of Poor, . . . . .	2,849 81
Highways, . . . . .	4,983 15
Centennial, . . . . .	10,968 40
Contingent, . . . . .	10,383 55
Treasurer and Collector, . . . . .	600 00
Auditors, . . . . .	45 00
Abatement of Taxes, . . . . .	500 00
Discount on Taxes, . . . . .	800 00

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\$84,534 92

## AUDITORS' BALANCE-SHEET.

## EXPENDITURES.

State Aid,	\$402 00
State Tax,	3,000 00
County Tax,	1,924 58
Addition to Farm Buildings,	409 98
New Engine House (Centre Village),	965 00
Decoration Day,	100 00
Engine House Alterations (East Village),	360 00
Repairs on Waltham Street,	511 25
Liquor Licenses,	143 75
Cary Library,	654 86
Ringling Church Bells,	70 00
Dining Hall in Town House,	871 25
Show Cases for Cary Library,	144 45
Hook and Ladder Truck,	490 00
Interest,	4,108 74
Town Clerk,	96 30
Sexton,	103 50
School Grant,	11,043 64
School Repairs,	1,320 57
Constable and Police,	1,581 35
School Committee,	623 50
Additions to Village Hall,	150 00
Street Lamps,	1,435 36
Fire Department,	633 59
Assessors,	372 11
Bills Payable (Loans and Town Debt),	9,500 00
Support of Poor,	3,891 37
Highways,	4,973 67
Centennial,	18,053 69
Contingent,	6,951 62
Improvement on Lowell Street,	145 53
"    "    Main Street,	406 20
"    "    Wood Street,	128 98
Re-laying Drain near Cemetery,	52 83
Treasurer and Collector,	1,000 00
Auditors,	45 00
Abatement of Taxes,	303 52
Discount on Taxes,	923 39
Amount of uncollected Taxes,	5,986 32
Cash on hand Jan. 31st, 1876,	657 02
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	\$84,534 92

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1875--6.

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TOWN CLERK.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

SELECTMEN, SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

BRADLEY C. WHITCHER, FRANKLIN ALDERMAN,  
ISAAC N. DAMON.

ASSESSORS.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS, WALTER WELLINGTON,  
LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

ISAAC N. DAMON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HAMMON REED, for 3 yrs. WILLIAM PLUMMER, for 2 yrs.  
FRANKLIN PATCH, for 1 yr. A. B. ADAMS, W. R. CUTTER  
and GERSHOM SWAN to fill vacancies.

CONSTABLE.

ELI SIMONDS.

AUDITORS.

FRANK E. WETHERELL, GERSHOM SWAN.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, COAL, &C.

L. A. SAVILLE, R. W. HOLBROOK.

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK, &C.

L. A. SAVILLE, AUGUSTUS CHILDS,  
F. V. BUTTERS.

POLICE OFFICERS.

EVERETT S. LOCKE,                      FREDERICK CHALLENGOR.

### FENCE VIEWERS.

HOWLAND HOLMES, B. T. BATCHELLER.

FIELD DRIVERS.

GEO. SPARHAWK,                      A. F. SPAULDING.  
JOHN TRUE.

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER, POUND KEEPER, SUPT. OF TOWN HALL, SEXTON,  
AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER FOR TOWN HALL.

O. W. KENDALL.

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

ALONZO GODDARD.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS.

## APPENDIX.

**REPORT**

— OF THE —

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

— OF THE —

**TOWN OF LEXINGTON**

**FOR THE YEAR 1875-76.**

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1876.



# REPORT.

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The School Committee of Lexington herewith submit their annual report.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

At the annual meeting in March, 1875, the town appropriated for the support of its schools the amount asked by the Committee in their last report, and, when possible, the expenditures have been substantially as therein recommended.

Town appropriation,	-	-	\$12,250.00
From the State School Fund,	-	-	243.24
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			\$12,493.24

## EXPENDITURES.

Amid the general depression of business we have recognized the demand for economy in all town expenditures, and have carefully considered every expense. Had it not been for the unexpected draft made to pay bills which should have been paid last year, the appropriation would have been more than sufficient. As it is, we have not exhausted the means placed at our command, although we have employed for half the

year one more teacher than ever before, and the outstanding bills are of trifling amount.

Bills have been approved by our predecessors and by ourselves for 1875-76 as follows :

Instruction,	-	-	-	\$9,879 25
Fuel,	-	-	-	612 22
Care of rooms,	-	-	-	373 25
Repairs and incidentals,	-	-	-	1,241 35
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				\$12,106 34

In details as follows :

#### ADAMS SCHOOL.

Instruction,	-	-	-	\$2,200 00
Fuel,	-	-	-	115 00
Care of rooms,	-	-	-	76 50
Repairs, etc.,	-	-	-	40 78
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				\$2,432 28

#### BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

Instruction,	-	-	-	\$500 00
Fuel,	-	-	-	28 50
Care of rooms,	-	-	-	28 50
Repairs, etc.,	-	-	-	316 22
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				\$873 22

#### FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Instruction,	-	-	-	\$420 00
Fuel,	-	-	-	39 25
Care of rooms,	-	-	-	24 25
Repairs, etc.,	-	-	-	47 86
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				\$531 36

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Instruction,	-	-	-	\$2,862 50
Fuel,	-	-	-	158 97
Care of rooms,	-	-	-	77 00
Repairs, etc.,	-	-	-	399 07
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				\$3,497 54

## HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Instruction,	-	-	\$2,368 00	
Fuel,	-	-	194 25	
Care of rooms,	-	-	103 25	
Repairs, etc.,	-	-	343 54	
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## HOWARD SCHOOL.

Instruction,	-	-	\$447 50	
Fuel,	-	-	50 25	
Care of rooms.	-	-	42 77	
Repairs, etc.,	-	-	34 37	
			<hr/>	\$574 89

## WARREN SCHOOL.

Instruction,	-	-	\$481 25	
Fuel,	-	-	26 00	
Care of rooms,	-	-	21 25	
Repairs, etc.,	-	-	23 93	
			<hr/>	\$552 43
Instruction in music,	-	-	-	\$600 00
Not classified,	-	-	-	35 58
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Amount of bills approved for 1875-6, \$12,106 34

Amount of bills approved for 1874-5, 248 59

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\$12,354 93

We have had the Bowditch school house painted outside with two coats and the shingling commenced last year, completed; a good fence built on three sides of the lot, and considerable grading done, the whole greatly improving the premises, and putting the exterior in good condition for a long time.

We have had new sills placed under the Franklin school house where needed. The gravel has been

removed, and a substantial bank wall built on the south-east side of the lot as far as practicable at present. We think the Surveyors of Highways should remove more gravel from the lot this year so that the improvement can be completed.

In the Hancock Grammar School room we have placed new single desks. These are so great an aid to discipline, such an addition to comfort, and such an improvement in appearance, that we think something should be done every year towards removing the defaced double desks from every school room in town. The best of these can be cut in two and refinished, so as to be almost as good as new, at small expense. Something of this kind we hope may be done this year.

At the High school-house, with the admission of a fourth class, additional desks were required, and have been placed there. It seemed also that the school must suffer without another assistant, and choosing to take the responsibility of appointing one, rather than that of allowing injury to the school, it became necessary to provide a new recitation room. This we have done by removing a partition and adding a part of the large room in the second story to one of the small rooms, and with little expense we have a room that has answered; not satisfactorily it is true, but far better than none. The whole arrangement of recitation and ante-rooms is a disgrace, and we are sure that if the voters would examine for themselves, it would not be allowed to continue. We recommend that a committee be chosen at the annual town meeting to investigate the matter, with instructions to report a plan for improvement with specifications at a future town meeting. Books of ref-

erence, and apparatus have been procured to supply the immediate want of the school, and no appropriation for these is recommended.

The school buildings, with two or three exceptions, are in good repair. In order to keep them so, as the town, by every consideration of its own interests should, something more than the usual appropriation for unavoidable repairs should be made every year, and one or more of them should be painted.

The Howard school-house should be shingled this year, and new out-houses should be supplied in two districts.

As now arranged, we think the salaries of our teachers are none too high to fairly pay for the amount of labor required in each school, and to compete with adjoining towns, as we must to some extent or submit to the loss of many of our best teachers.. None will advocate retrenchment in town expenses more strongly than your committee, and we have applied it in making our estimate for the current year, wherever we believed it wise to do so. We cannot however believe that economy to be wise, which would lower the standard of instruction in our common schools.

We ask you to appropriate :—

For instruction, fuel and care of rooms,	\$10,700 00
For incidentals,	500 00
Painting and repairs at Franklin school-house,	100 00
Shingling Howard school-house,	150 00
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	\$11,450 00

It should not be forgotten that the average attendance of scholars in our schools is larger now than ever

before, and that one more teacher is employed than heretofore. With this addition, the aggregate of the amounts we ask for is eight hundred dollars less than the appropriation of last year, and ten hundred and fifty dollars less than that of 1874 which we have seen was insufficient.

The present year is the Centennial year, and we purpose to represent the work of our schools at Philadelphia, where it will be open to the criticism of the whole civilized world. Our regulations, our course of study, the standing of our schools and the amount of our appropriations will all be noticed and commented upon. The very name of Lexington will attract attention, much more so than many towns and cities very much larger in population. We think it would hardly answer therefore in this Centennial year, above all others, for Lexington to take any backward step in the great cause of public education, and to confess that she is trying the dangerous experiment of employing cheap labor in her public schools.

#### REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

The Board was organized on the 20th of March last by the choice of Hammon Reed, Chairman, and William Plumer, Secretary. Messrs. Scott, Wellington and Elder having resigned their positions as members of the School Committee, their resignations were accepted, and the Board of Selectmen notified of the fact. A convention of the two Boards to fill the vacancies was held pursuant to law on the 30th of March, and Dr. A. B. Adams was elected. At subsequent conventions W. R. Cutter and Gershom Swan were chosen, and a full Board was obtained.

The Board has held fifty-one meetings during the year, at which usually every member has been present. Among the first duties devolving upon it, was the selection of teachers to fill various vacancies.

As will be seen in the report, the appointments of new teachers during the year have been numerous, but the Committee have in every case deemed them absolutely requisite for the best interest of the schools.

The examinations of the different schools at the close of the summer term were, in the opinion of the Committee, generally satisfactory.

The examination of applicants for the High School held at the end of the summer term was conducted by printed questions. The standard for admission was fixed at 75 per cent. of correct answers to these questions, including school rank. On conditions from 75 to 70 per cent.; Below 70 per cent. not to be admitted without passing satisfactorily a second examination on all papers under 50 per cent.

The whole number of applicants examined was	-	26
Admitted without conditions,	-	10
"    with    "	-	3
Re-examined and admitted	-	9
Rejected,	-	4

Whole number of applicants from the Hancock	
Grammar School,	14
Admitted without conditions,	8
"    With    "	2
"    On re-examination,	4
Whole number admitted,	14

Whole number of applicants from the Adams					
Grammar School,	-	-	-	-	10
Admitted without conditions,	-	-	-	-	2
“ With “	-	-	-	-	3
“ On re-examination,	-	-	-	-	2
Rejected,	-	-	-	-	3
Whole number admitted,	-	-	-	-	7
Number of applicants from the Ungraded					
Schools,	-	-	-	-	2
Admitted without conditions,	-	-	-	-	1
Rejected,	-	-	-	-	1

Total number admitted from all the schools, - 22

The highest average of correct answers was 90 per cent. The average age of successful applicants was 13 years, 6 months.

On June 30th the musical and drawing festival, embracing all the schools, was held at the Town Hall. A large number of drawings and original designs were exhibited, which reflected much credit both on the teachers and pupils. Some of the drawings and designs were especially deserving of praise. The singing, under the charge of Mr. Bird, was exceedingly well executed. A large audience was present, and in the opinion of the Committee and the public, the exhibition was a decided success.

The High School held its annual exhibition at the Town Hall on the evening of June 25th. It was very fully attended, and gave universal satisfaction.

The prizes offered by the State Total Abstinence Society to the High and Grammar Schools for the best compositions on the “Evils of Intemperance and its Remedy,” were awarded by the Society as follows:



High School, Miss Grace H. Plumer, 1st prize,	\$8 00
“ “ “ M. E. Paine, 2d prize,	5 00
Adams Grammar, Miss Annie E. Smith,	5 00

The prizes were presented to the successful competitors at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Society at the Town Hall.

A “Teachers Institute,” under the direction of the State Board of Education, was held for the first time in the history of the town at Lexington, January 12, 13, and 14. Though the attendance of teachers from out of town was not as large as could have been desired, the meetings were attended by all our teachers and a large number of our citizens. Instructive lectures, from some of the ablest men in the State, in their particular departments, were given, and listened to with marked attention. A new interest, we trust, has thereby been imparted to our schools, which were closed for two days, to give the teachers and pupils an opportunity to be present.

The State Board of Education is doing a good work in holding these Institutes in various towns of the State, and a work which will tell in the future prosperity of our schools. To the members of the Board and our visitors, who so kindly gave us their time and furnished this intellectual treat, we acknowledge ourselves deeply indebted.

The public examinations of the schools at the close of the winter term were held as usual, and were very fully attended by parents and friends. The exercises of the Grammar, Ungraded and Primary Schools were conducted under the direction of sub-committees; the

High School by the full Board. The success of these examinations will be spoken of hereafter.

We would especially call the attention of parents to the importance of their making frequent visits to our schools, and thus, by their presence, show that they are interested in the work. Teachers and pupils would do better, if they knew that the parents heartily cooperated with them in their daily work. No school can be much below the true standard when parents and teachers labor together, and when from personal knowledge its daily progress is fairly criticised.

The following record kept by all our teachers shows the number of visits made by the Committee, parents and friends, not including those at the public examination :

	Whole No. of visits.	Visits of parents.	Visits of committee.
Hancock, Grammar,	79	4	33
“ Sub “	33	11	13
“ Intermediate,	58	19	17
“ Primary,	45	12	14
Adams, Grammar,	55	11	20
“ Intermediate,	86	24	17
“ Primary,	80	25	15
Franklin,	30	1	15
Howard,	50	5	18
Bowditch,	39	3	18
Warren,	64	12	18
High School,	45	9	18
	<hr/> 664	<hr/> 136	<hr/> 216

#### PRIMARY GRADE.

The work contemplated by this grade demands the best efforts of the best teachers. Here the foundation

of the child's future education is commenced, and it requires rare gifts and a peculiar talent to lay this foundation, and to adapt the instruction to the particular wants of each pupil; to make the school room pleasant and attractive, and keep the scholar interested and pleasantly employed. We do not claim that the teachers of our Primaries entirely fulfill these requirements, but the examinations, the interest of the scholars, and the steady progress made, show that loving care, combined with earnest labor and faithfulness are especially noticeable in the teachers of both the Hancock and Adams Primaries.

#### UNGRADED SCHOOLS—FRANKLIN.

As appeared by the records of the former Committee, general dissatisfaction existed in this district, and the teacher had been notified that her resignation would be accepted in April. April 6th, Miss A. C. Underwood, one of the graduates of our High School of the class of '74, was appointed to fill the vacancy thus created.

There can be no question whatever, but that this school has very much improved, and gives better satisfaction than formerly. Still, further improvement is expected, and some changes are absolutely demanded. The school is small in numbers, but is doing well generally, and we have no fears for its future.

#### WARREN.

At the commencement of the year we found this school taught by a young lady, who, to accommodate the Committee, had accepted the position temporarily,

but who desired to be relieved at the earliest possible moment, as the school was in a state of insubordination, and an open outbreak might be daily expected. On April 2d Mrs. M. W. Bachelder, a lady of large experience in teaching and highly recommended, was placed in charge. This lady was successful in winning the respect of the school, in maintaining discipline and imparting information. Unfortunately, she was obliged to resign, and Miss Paul was appointed in her place. Judging from the short time she has held the position, we think her success is certain, while the school to-day is in every respect infinitely better than it was at the commencement of our term of service. This has been the largest school in town, and one of the most irregular in attendance.

#### HOWARD.

At the very beginning of our duties we found serious difficulties existing in this school, although it is the smallest in town. Complaints were received from the teacher that she could not maintain discipline, and that gross acts of insubordination were constantly occurring. Hoping that a better order of things might be brought about, the Committee hesitated as to the policy of making an immediate change; but at the end of the term it was thought expedient to appoint a new teacher, and Miss Maria A. Butterfield, a graduate of our High School of the class of '74, was selected. Under the charge of Miss Butterfield the improvement has been marked. Her gentle yet firm manner has maintained order and commanded respect, while the public examination proved that the course of study had

not been neglected. We have confidence in the success of this school for the future.

#### BOWDITCH.

As might have been expected from the known character and faithfulness of the teacher, Miss Frost, this school has made good progress, and the exercises at the examination at the close of the year were very satisfactory to the Committee and friends present.

#### INTERMEDIATES.

The Committee found the Hancock Intermediate in charge of a temporary teacher, who so far as we could judge was making a fair beginning, but at the request of a large number of the parents of the pupils, it was thought best to reappoint the former teacher, Miss Fannie A. Hutchinson, who for certain reasons had resigned. The wisdom of this action, we think has been shown by the interest manifested by the pupils, and the general progress of the school. The public examination was very creditable, and the exercises in music and reading especially good.

#### ADAMS INTERMEDIATE.

Judging from results, we believe additional care and attention has been given by Miss Pierce to her school the present year, and that more thoroughness has been shown in teaching than ever before. As she is earnest and faithful in the discharge of her duties we may fairly expect still further improvement in the future.

#### HANCOCK SUB-GRAMMAR.

This school, under the excellent management of Mrs. Ellen B. Lane, has fully maintained its former

well-earned position, and the Committee feel that the Town has been fortunate in securing and retaining the services of such a conscientious teacher. Mrs. L. has had charge of the greater part of the recitations of the third class in the Grammar school.

#### HANCOCK GRAMMAR.

We regret to say that this school during the past year has fallen much below what it should be in regard to deportment, discipline and progress in the work required. This state of affairs cannot entirely be attributed to the scholars, as there have been many causes to bring about this condition, and to a certain extent unavoidable ones. The Committee have labored to produce different results, but from want of interest in the pupils, want of co-operation on the part of some of the parents and an unfortunate selection of a new teacher, their labors were very far from being successful. For a long time the continued ill health of Mr. Flint, who most conscientiously tried to do his duty, rendered it impossible for him to do, himself or the school, justice, and he finally felt compelled to resign. He had indeed worked hard, but he had lost the sympathy of his pupils, and the school in consequence was more or less demoralized. The selection of a teacher to take his place, though he came highly recommended and was a graduate of the Bridgewater State Normal School, did not improve matters.

December 30th, Mrs. Rosa Akerman, a teacher of very large experience and fully recommended by gentlemen of the highest standing in the community, was after careful consideration and with some hesitation,

appointed to take charge of the school. We now have good reason to believe that under her superintendence there has already been a decided change for the better, and that, in a reasonable time, it will take its proper position, and the rank it should hold. No effort will be wanting on the part of the Committee to fully sustain and encourage the teacher, and to have the laws of the Commonwealth rigidly enforced if necessary. Parents especially, should see to it that their children are not encouraged in insubordination, as it inevitably leads to shame and penalty.

#### ADAMS GRAMMAR.

In the opinion of its experienced teacher, Mr. Peabody, this school has never done better than during the last half of the present year. The public examination was most certainly very creditable, and showed great thoroughness in the method and character of the teaching. The Committee are highly gratified with the deportment and progress of the school, the care and fidelity of the teacher, and the promptness of the pupils.

The number of scholars is now unusually small, and is especially noticeable when compared with the Hancock Grammar, where the salary has been for years much less. We believe strict justice, and also economy demand that these schools should, to a certain extent, be equalized in this respect. As we did not think it advisable to add to the amount paid at the Hancock, we have consequently been obliged to make a small reduction at the Adams; but we wish it distinctly understood that this reduction reflects no disparage-

ment upon the teacher, and that none of the Committee wish his removal.

In the opinion of the Committee it was thought advisable to discontinue the study of Geometry in the Grammar schools, as the time thus taken could be given with better advantage to other studies.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

May 18, Miss A. R. Rice, a fine scholar and experienced teacher, was appointed assistant in the place of Miss Thurston, who was obliged to resign on account of ill health at that time. August 28, Miss F. A. Kimball, an experienced teacher and a lady of culture, was selected as 2d assistant. The necessity of this last appointment we think must be acknowledged when the number of pupils and classes, and the amount of work required is taken into consideration. Twenty-two applicants from the Grammar schools had been examined, and most of them found well qualified, whose admission would make the whole number in the school over sixty. A plan long contemplated of having three courses of study from which each pupil could make a selection, had been fully developed and drawn up, but the work proposed absolutely required the aid of an additional assistant. The whole subject before the Committee was narrowed down to these simple questions: Shall we admit another class and provide for their proper instruction by the introduction of our proposed course of study, or abandon the whole matter and go on in the old path and allow but three classes in the High School?

Parents were eager to have their children enjoy the



acknowledged advantages of the High School; others were still more eager that such a course of study might be adopted, that those already in the school might obtain a practical English and scientific education, and not be obliged at the same time to take up Latin, the study of which they regarded as useless. We were told by certain parents that unless this was done they should take their children from the school. Under these circumstances there seemed but one course to pursue, and the Committee, fully realizing their responsibility, admitted the new class, adopted the proposed course of study, employed a second assistant, and without exceeding our appropriation finished up a recitation room as convenient as the construction of the house would allow.

We wish especially to call the attention of parents and those interested to the course of study adopted, which will be found on the last page of this report. We do not by any means claim that it is perfect, but that it is a long step taken in the right direction, and one that has been greatly needed.

Our High School to-day offers unusual advantages to those wishing to obtain a thorough education for the great duties of life, and well adapted for any pursuit the pupil may desire to select. In this connection we wish it to be distinctly understood that the High School is emphatically the school of the people and for the benefit of the people, especially those who cannot afford to send their children to private schools or abroad to obtain a first-class education. To the man of wealth it may make but very little difference what the character of our public schools may be, as far as

his children are concerned, for if they cannot be educated at home they can be elsewhere ; but to the man of moderate means, to the great mass of our citizens desiring to give their children the best possible advantages, it becomes a question of vital importance. To this class we earnestly appeal, that they see to it that their interest, and the interest of their children is properly regarded and guaranteed. That no false idea of economy on the part of a few shall deprive them of their rights. This is a question that comes home to every parent in town, and we might well say to every citizen, for the prosperity, the credit of our town largely depends upon the character of its public schools. If we desire strangers to come among us and add to our taxable property, we must offer them the advantages of first-class schools. To do this we must have first-class teachers—teachers who intend to make it their life-work, and who give to it their best efforts as a high moral duty. Good instructors are rare, and the value of their work is priceless. Many teachers, who can simply hear recitations from the text books, who do not prepare thoroughly for the daily lessons, nor encourage the pupils in asking questions outside of the books, and who only take the position as a make shift until something better turns up, can be obtained at any time, and at small salaries, but these small salaries in the end will prove the dearest salaries of all, and will in a short time fill our schools with incompetent teachers to the serious detriment of the town.

The progress of the school under the charge of its principal, Mr. A. E. White, has been uniform and steady. Excellent discipline and order has always

been maintained, and the true method of imparting instruction successfully carried out. Teachers and pupils have worked together in perfect harmony, and it has been a great pleasure to visit the school.

Though the school has continually been improving, we have no doubt but that it will be improved still more in the future. With its present corps of hard-working, faithful teachers, its willing, wide-awake and earnest pupils, it ranks to-day among the first High Schools in the Commonwealth.

We feel that it would be a public misfortune to allow the management of the school to be changed.

#### DRAWING AND MUSIC.

Drawing has been taught in all our schools by the regular teachers with varying success. Some have succeeded admirably, as was shown at the examination. It is required to be taught by law, and should be well taught. Our teachers must be qualified for this branch of instruction or a special instructor should be employed, which we do not recommend at present.

In music our schools have had the benefit of a special instructor, and his skill and the care and labor of our teachers are evidenced by the progress made, and the result as shown at the musical festival. We fully appreciate the beneficial influence of music in our schools in giving pleasant variety to the exercises, and a brighter and more home-like air to the school-room. It is possible that our teachers, being most of them singers, might conduct these exercises successfully; we desire, however, to retain a special instructor, and nothing but a lack of means would induce us to discontinue the employment of one.

## FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

The amount of money annually expended for school books, which are but partially worn out and laid aside, is very much larger than is supposed. Much of this might be saved if the town purchased and owned the books, as it has a right to do by law, so that they could be passed from hand to hand as long as they are in a fit condition to be used.

The purchase of school books is a grievous tax upon the poor, and our school privileges are not wholly free to all, until the town furnishes these books at its own expense. We earnestly recommend the town to adopt the law of 1873, and save this continuous waste of money.

## TRUANCY.

We are well aware that the truant law has been almost a dead letter, and that cases of truancy have frequently occurred, though not through any fault of our truant officers. For the future, we hope that the law will be rigidly enforced, and persistent offenders punished. Messrs. Eli Simonds and Walter Wellington have been appointed truant officers.

## ATTENDANCE.

The labor of our schools is wasted when there is a want of regular attendance of the scholars, and this is a matter over which the Committee have very little control. A teacher can do much to lessen the evil of irregular attendance, and the parents can control it almost entirely, except, of course, in sickness.

The number of different scholars in all the schools during the year was five hundred and seventy-six—an

increase of twenty-three from last year. Of these, fifty-six were over fifteen, and eleven under five years of age.

In May we caused a careful enumeration to be made, and found the number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years to be five hundred and twenty-two—fifty-seven more than were returned last year.

The average daily attendance in number for the year has been only three hundred and eighty-three. Thus it appears that one hundred and ninety-three of those who at some time during the year have been in the schools long enough to be considered scholars, have been absent daily.

This lack of attendance is particularly noticeable in the Bowditch, Howard, Hancock Intermediate and in the two Primary schools, and may be accounted for in part perhaps by an unusual amount of sickness.

The average attendance of actual members in all the schools for the year has been 88.5 per cent. A detailed table of attendance is appended.

The "Roll of Honor," including those scholars who have not been absent or tardy for a single term or a longer time, is as follows :

#### ADAMS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

For the year.—Ernestine White, Harry H. Pierce, George Gammell, William D. Chisholm, William Gleason, William R. Bass.

For a term.—Florence Hadley, Jennie Smith, Amy Holbrook, William Barnes, Louis E. Chalenor, Eddie Webb.

## ADAMS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

For the year.—M. Ellen Fletcher.

For a term.—Annie A. Jones, Louisa P. White, Elisha Lombard, Henry Webb, Amy Holbrook.

## ADAMS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

For the year.—Mary A. Chalenor.

For a term.—Julia Maynard.

## HANCOCK GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

For the year.—Fred E. Butters, Everett S. Emery.

For a term.—Mary Brigham, Sylvia B. Reed, Elmina Munroe, Lilly M. Russell, Charles F. Gould, Frank Thaxter.

## HANCOCK SUB-GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

For a term.—Maggie Hastings, Sylvia B. Reed, Lillie Adair, Fred Saville, Charles S. Gould, John S. Spaulding, Minnie Thayer, Clarence Fiske, William Russell, Fred L. Emery, Frank Lunt.

## HANCOCK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

For one year.—Mattie C. Locke.

For a term.—Fred L. Emery, Howard R. Hendley, Ralph E. Lane, Charles W. Swan, Bennie Muzzey.

## FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

For a term.—Annie McCarty.

## HOWARD SCHOOL.

For a term.—Willie Furguson, Emily Furguson, Lucy Putnam.

## WARREN SCHOOL.

For one year.—Lottie Kendrick, Lucy G. Porter.

For a term.—Nellie Brewer, Charles L. Simonds.

## BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

For one year.—Prescott B. Paine.

For a term.—Sarah G. Trask, Michael Hinchey, William A. Kendall since entering.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

For one year.—Lillian F. Choate, Amelia M. Mulliken, Leah A. Nunn, Edith J. Robinson, Alice M. Munroe, Emma F. Smith, Clifford W. Bryant, Nathaniel Nunn, Alfred Pierce, Edmund C. Butterfield, Abbott S. Mitchell, William W. Reed.

For one term.—Augusta S. Adams, Nellie H. Parker, Laura M. Kendrick, Nellie S. Lunt, Clara E. Wentworth, May E. Plumer, Hattie E. Adams, Evelyn P. Flint, Nellie Holbrook, Addie F. Kneeland, Annie Leavitt, Annie A. Smith, Susie Stearns, Carrie L. Whittier, Mary E. Paine, John C. Munroe, Fred N. Rogers, Richard G. Tower, Fred G. Davis, George H. Reed, Charles H. Underwood, Henry L. Alderman, Warren P. Hadley, Charles B. Pierce, Frank B. Pierce, Edward B. Winship, Henry A. Worthley, Alonzo E. Locke, Fred G. Reed, James F. Russell, Warren R. Sherburne, Howard W. Smith, Albert Smith, Frank R. Whittemore.

The following scholars from the various schools have not been absent or tardy as follows :

For five years.—Leah A. Nunn.

For four and one-half years.—Edith J. Robinson, Alonzo E. Locke.

For four years.—Harry H. Pierce, Nellie Holbrook.

For three and one-half years.—Lilian F. Choate, Lucy G. Porter.

For three years.—Nathaniel Nunn, Amy Holbrook.

For two and one-half years.—Freddie Saville, Mattie C. Locke, Hattie E. Adams.

# COURSE OF STUDY IN LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Year. Term	ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL.	SCIENTIFIC.	CLASSICAL.
1	1 Com'l Arith. and Alg., Eng. Gram., Scott's Novels. 2 Com'l Arith. and Alg., Eng. Gram., Scott's Novels. 3 Latin Introduc'n, Alg., Eng. Gram., "Goldsmith." 4 " Gram. and Reader, Algebra, English Grammar, "Goldsmith."	Com'l Arith., and Alg., Eng. Gram., Scott's Novels. " " " " " " Phys. Geog., Algebra " "Goldsmith." " " " " " "	Com'l Arith. and Alg., Eng. Gram., Scott's Novels. Com'l Arith. and Alg., Eng. Gram., Scott's Novels. Latin Introduc'n, " "Goldsmith." " Grammar and Reader, Algebra, English Grammar, "Goldsmith."
2	1 Geometry, Physiology, Latin Gram. and Reader, "Irving." 2 " " Caesar, " " " 3 " " " " " " 4 " " " " " "Longfellow."	Geom., Physiology, English Grammar, "Irving." " " " " " " " " " " " " Trig., Bot'y, Comp. Poetical Forms, "Longfellow."	Latin Grammar and Reader, Greek, Geometry. Caesar, " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "Greek, Trigonometry, Botany.
3	1 Nat. Phil'y, French or German, Cicero, History Greece. 2 Natural Philosophy, French or German, Cicero History Rome. 3 Chemistry, French or German, Cicero, Mediaeval History. 4 Chemistry, French or German, Sallust, and Composition, Ancient History.	Nat. Philosophy, Navigation and Surveying, Schol. Companion, Milton, History Greece. Nat. Philosophy, Navigation and Surveying, Schol. Companion, Milton, History Rome. Chem., Applied Math., Natural History, Mediaeval History. Chemistry, Applied Mathematics, Natural History, Ancient History.	Cicero, " " French, History Greece. Cicero, Greek, French, History Rome. Cicero and Composition, French, Greek and Composition, Mediaeval History. Sallust and Composition, French, Greek and Composition, Ancient History.
4	1 Geology, French or German, Virgil, Shaks., Rhet. 2 " " " " " " 3 Mental Philosophy, French or German, Virgil, Rhetoric, Book-keeping. 4 Mental and Moral Phil'y, French or German, Virgil, Reviews.	Geology, Astronomy, Political Economy, Shakespeare, Rhetoric. Geology, Astronomy, Political Economy, Shakespeare, Rhetoric. Mental Philosophy, Book-keeping, Mineralogy, Shakespeare, Rhetoric. Mental and Moral Phil'y, Book-keeping, Mineralogy, Shakespeare, Rhetoric and Reviews.	Virgil and Composition, French, Greek and Composition, Ancient Geography. Virgil and Composition, Greek and Composition, Shakespeare, Reviews. Virgil and Composition, Greek and Composition, Shakespeare, Reviews. Virgil and Composition, Greek and Composition, Classical Manual, Reviews.
	GENERAL EXERCISES.—3 COURSES. Orthography. Declamations. Compositions. "Vocal Exercises." Penmanship. Drawing. Calisthenics. Mental Arithmetic. Singing.	LECTURES.—3 COURSES. English Classics, Physiology. Philosophy. Rhetoric. Chemistry. Rights and Duties of Citizenship. Botany. Constitution United States. Drawing throughout the whole course sufficient for Mechanical Engineering.	REMARKS. The same "General Exercises" and "Lectures" for the "Classical Course," when they do not interfere with the general requirements for the "University."